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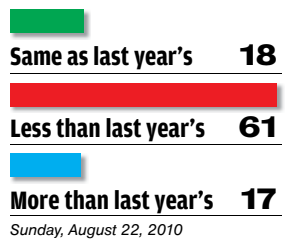
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## Fitial admin expands reduction-in-force

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REPORTER

**G**ov. Benigno R. Fitial is expanding the reduction-in-force implemented in April by reducing the work hours of both civil service and contract or excepted service employees in the Executive Branch from 80 to 64 hours per pay period regardless of the final version of the Fiscal Year 2011 budget bill.

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## Homeless jobless couple, five children staying at Susupe Beach Park stage

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A jobless couple and their five children, including a 6-month-old baby, are now temporarily staying on the stage of Susupe Beach Park after their six-month housing aid program expired.

Noel Saluta, 39, and his wife, Juliet Saluta, 37, brought along their children—ages 7, 6, 4, and 2 years old, and the 6-month-old baby—to the park's stage yesterday at 1pm.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Noel and Julieta Saluta and their five children are temporarily living on the stage of Susupe Beach Park after their housing benefits expired last Aug. 15.

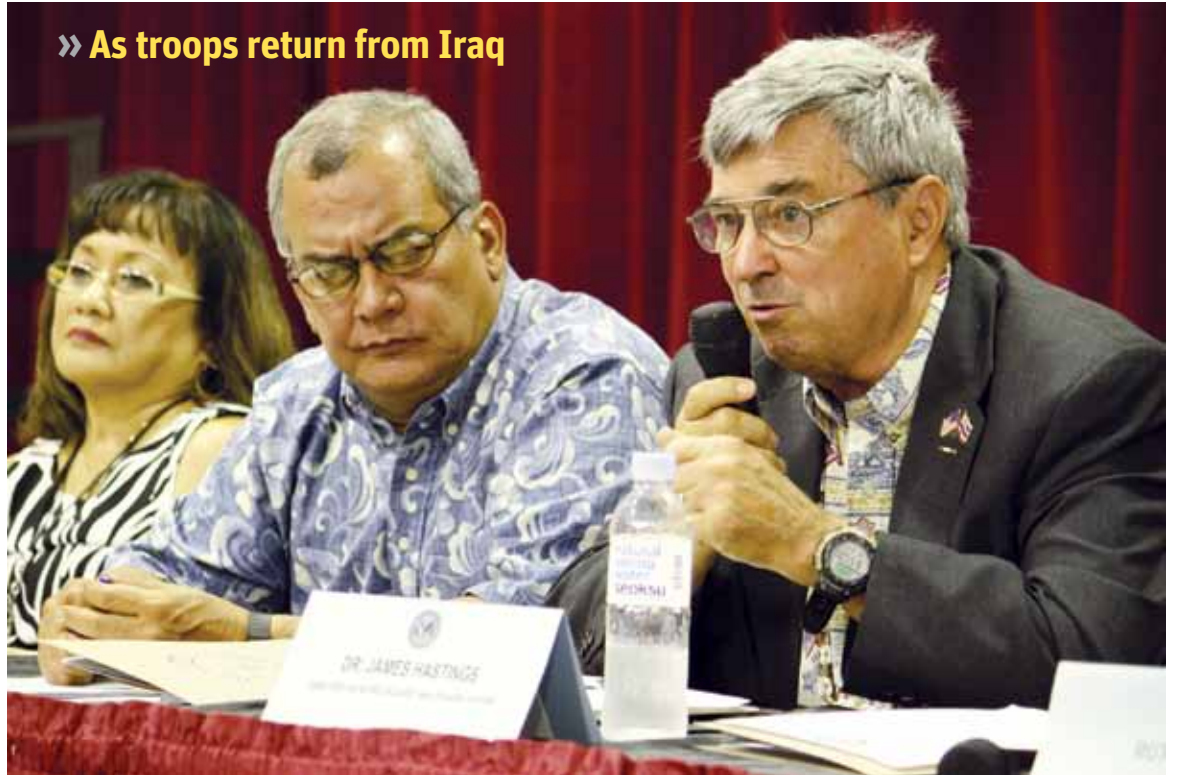
**The number of employees affected will be larger than the ones affected starting in April because this time, it covers both civil service and contract employees.**

—press secretary Angel Demapan



## VA increases mental health capacity in Pacific

» As troops return from Iraq



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REPORTER

The top official of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs overseeing the Pacific region says the agency expects a surge in the number of troops from the islands with post-traumatic stress disorder as troops head home seven years and five months since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

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Dr. James E. Hastings, right, director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System, addresses over 50 veterans, their families, and other members of the community during a veterans' town hall meeting at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Friday night. Looking on are VA certified veterans service representative Tina San Agustin, left, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), center.

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## Lang to ask Senate to slash discretionary fund but give more to leadership account

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House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-

Saipan) said yesterday that he plans to ask the Senate to amend the budget bill to cut each lawmaker's annual discretionary

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Wayne and Nancy Gillespie of the CNMI Salvation Army receive the \$2,000 donation from Mobil representatives and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos. The organization was chosen by Smiles promo grand prize winner Asinta Pangelinan, fourth from left.

## Mobil awards prizes, donations

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Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. presented each of the five grand prize winners of the "Giving Everyone A Reason to Smile" promotion \$1,000 worth of Joeten Superstore gift certificates in a ceremony held last Friday at the Joeten Superstore.

Mobil Oil representatives, headed by country manager Gennaro Cioffi, awarded the prizes to Asinta Pangelinan, Joaquin Quitugua, Edihuel Necesito, Aya Desebel, and Frances Roberto.

For a minimum gasoline purchase of \$10, Smiles members who swiped their Smiles card at any Mobil Service Station

received an automatic entry into the raffle draw.

The "Giving Everyone A Reason to Smile" promo, which ran from April 16 to June 10, held the raffle draw last June 17.

Aside from receiving gift certificates, each of the grand prize winners were able to support a worthy cause through the promo because the charitable organization of their choice also received a \$2,000 cash donation from Mobil.

Cioffi said Mobil takes pride in teaming up with its loyal customers in providing financial assistance to local charities.

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## Villagomez, Santoses lawyer claims judge issued ruling before they could file reply

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REPORTER

Former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez has asked the federal court to reconsider the court's decision that denied his motion to settle record in the case.

Villagomez's sister, Joaquina V. Santos, and her husband, James A. Santos, joined Villagomez's motion for reconsideration. Villagomez and the Santos couple are all currently serving their sentences in federal prison for their participation in the Rydlyme corruption scandal.

Attorney Dennis P. Riordan, on behalf of Villagomez and the Santos couple, asserted that the court has misperceived the nature and scope of its authority under Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Riordan said U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett issued his order before his clients were able to file their reply memorandum.

"In part as a result, this court may have failed to reconsider significant authority that undermined the government's arguments which this court largely adopted in its order," Riordan said.

The lawyer said the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure authorizes the court to determine what occurred during trial proceedings.

He said the court is authorized to take declarations and conduct further proceedings as appropriate to resolve the parties' differences.

Riordan said the court's duty is simply to follow the language of the Federal Rules and clarify what happened during trial proceedings.

"This is all that the defendants are seeking here," Riordan pointed out.

Villagomez and the Santos couple, in their motion to settle record, asked the court to permit further briefing and conduct further proceedings as appropriate to determine what truly occurred in the district court in so far as the question of public exclusion from the jury selection is concerned.

In the U.S. government's op-

position, the U.S. Attorney's Office argued that the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure does not allow the relief sought, because the defendants seek to build a new record and rewrite what happened in the trial court, not resolve differences in the existing record.

In denying the motion, Bennett said a total exclusion of the public occurred during jury selection in the trial on March 30, 2009, the defendants and their trial counsel knew or should have known of that total exclusion when it purportedly occurred.

Bennett pointed out that the record shows that during jury selection, again in the course of trial, defense counsel objected to the court's refusal to release for use by the general public seats reserved for visiting students but never asserted that all members of the public were excluded from jury selection at the trial judge's direction.

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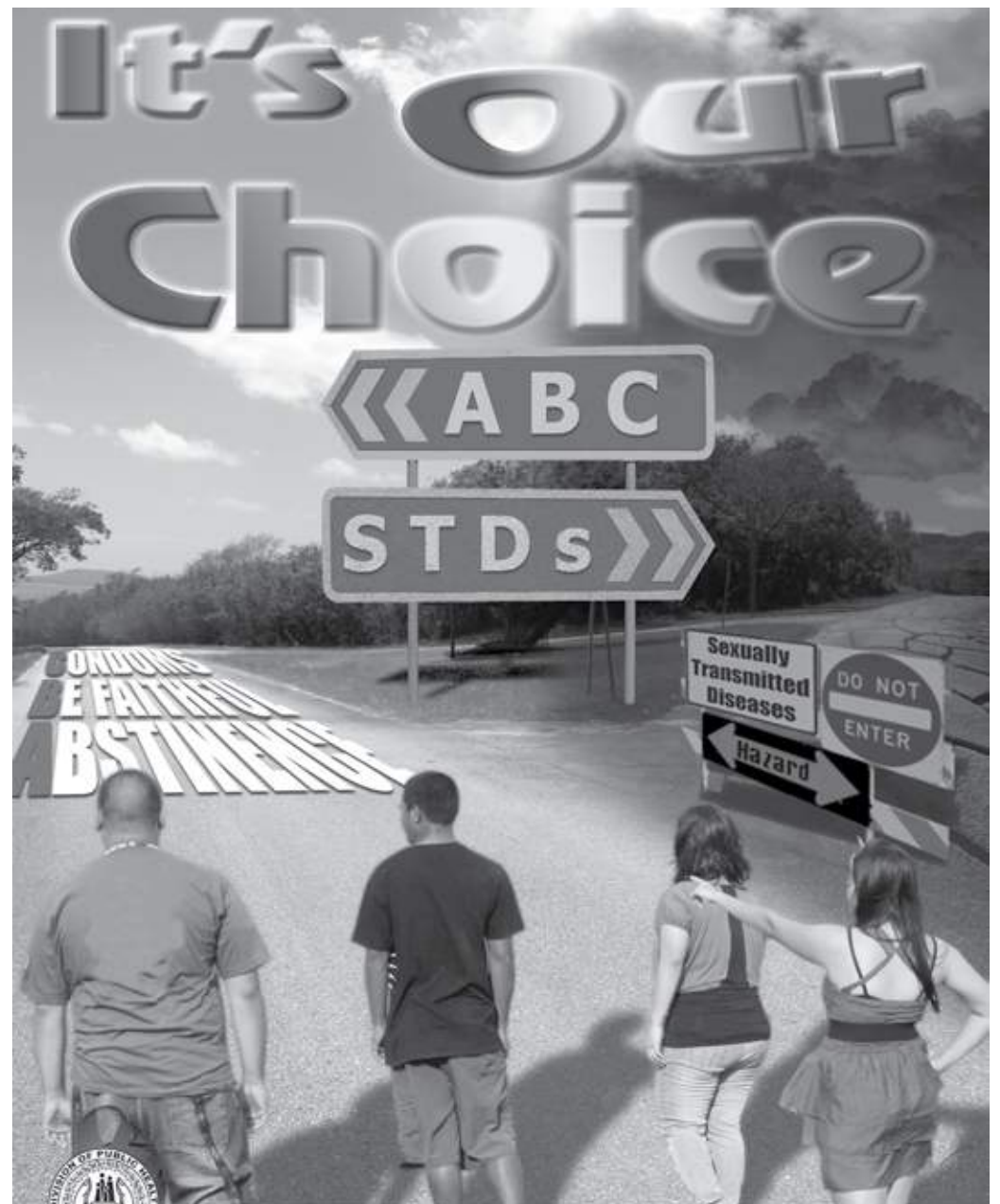
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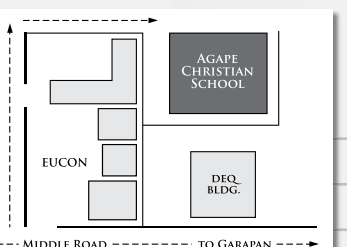
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## LANG

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fund from \$130,000 to \$80,000, but the difference should be given to the leadership account.

Under the Fiscal Year 2011 budget bill that is now with the Senate, the House leadership account will be reduced to \$76,330, from the current \$400,000.

“\$76,000 for eight committees and the officers, including the speaker, vice speaker and floor leader is not enough. I don’t know how the committee came up with that number,” Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The budget bill also increases the annual discretionary fund from \$86,796 to \$130,000, which Republican House members and community members are protesting.

The Constitution caps it to \$155,000 per lawmaker.

“I haven’t discussed this with other House members, but this is my plan, to reduce it from \$130,000 to \$80,000. This was what I was talking about during the last session,” he added.

During Wednesday’s session when the House passed the contentious \$132 million budget bill for Fiscal Year 2011, Tenorio said in the interest of time, he would ask that the Senate consider his proposed amend-

ments to the spending bill.

Private citizens, government employees, and students who held a peaceful rally in front of the legislative building on Capital Hill on Friday wanted the Legislature to cut their proposed discretionary fund and give at least \$621,188 more to Northern Marianas College so it could meet the maintenance-of-effort agreement between the U.S. Department of Education and the CNMI governor.

Former representative Tina Sablan, one of the organizers, said yesterday that online petitions should be ready in the next few days.

These online petitions will complement the two signature drives to ask the Office of the Public Auditor to audit the expenses of lawmakers in the last five fiscal years, and to call upon lawmakers not to increase their salary and timely pass a budget that funds essential services such as education and public health.

Sablan said some petitions have already been forwarded on Tinian, but they are still looking for people to help circulate these petitions on Rota as well.

The two petitions are being circulated together.

“We are hoping to get as many signatures as possible. We will continue to collect signatures throughout the budget process,” she said.

Those who would like to sign the petitions are asked to contact the silent

protest organizer Leila Staffler at haveia@gmail.com, or Tina Sablan at 285-3935 or tinasablan@gmail.com.

Only seven of 29 lawmakers came out to meet the protesters on Friday. Six of them are Republicans from the House and Senate.

“I was disappointed by the refusal of some members of the House leadership to allow for more debate on the budget proposal during the session last week. I was also disappointed by the absence on Friday of most of the House leaders who voted in favor of the budget proposal. I think most of us who participated in the protest were hoping to meet with them, that they might at least hear us out, and perhaps reconsider their positions. I continue to hope that the House leaders will keep open minds, and reevaluate their proposal to increase their discretionary budgets, when all other government services are receiving drastic cuts,” Sablan said.

### Misconceptions

Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), who voted “yes” on the budget bill, said the discretionary fund that Benavente has been saying is wrong. He said the current discretionary funding is \$92,000, not \$86,796.

He said NMC and PSS budget under the spending measure meets the MOE.

“I would like to encourage those who question the figures to come and

He said his administration is now in the process of putting together new notices to all government employees, both excepted service and civil service, in order for the government to operate within its means.

“The work hours of overtime eligible employees and the salaries of overtime exempt employees, to include gubernatorial appointees, excepted service and civil service employees, must be reduced by 16 hours per two-week pay period,” the governor said.

The governor has placed an Aug. 31 deadline for the delivery of notifications to all affected employees.

The reduction action will take effect 30 days after the letters are received, which is about the same time as the start of the new fiscal year.

“I expect individual appointing authorities to work with the Office of Personnel Management and the Reduction-in-Force Planning/Implementation Committee to smoothly and effectively implement these initial RIF actions,” Fitial added.

The governor will also ask the mayors to work with the Committee and OPM to implement parallel work hour and salary reductions in their municipalities. He will also seek the cooperation of public corporations, autonomous agencies/activities and the Judicial and Legislative Branches to effect these actions.

the Karidat Social Services.

Guma Esperansa director Laurie Ogomoro accepted the \$4,000 check which will be used to support the food and economic advocacy programs of the domestic violence and sexual assault shelter.

Karidat executive director Angie Guerrero said the donation to the premier social service support in the CNMI is timely as they ran out of money for the food program.

“We really need this. This is God’s blessing,” added Guerrero.

Aside from the five grand prize winners, 45 individuals each won \$200 worth of Joeten gift certificates.

visit my office, or the Ways and Means Committee, or the Finance and OMB to look at the figures,” he said.

He said the increase in discretionary fund from over \$86,000 to \$130,000

## VA

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The last U.S. combat brigade left Iraq last week, ahead of President Obama’s Aug. 31 deadline for ending U.S. combat operations there.

Dr. James E. Hastings, director of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, said on Friday that in the past four years, the system has increased its mental health capacity in the region to address the growing needs of veterans in the Pacific.

These include building veterans centers in American Samoa, Guam, and Saipan.

“The Pacific has been very supportive of the military in this country and has deployed enormously. We see them coming back, we see them in our healthcare system, and we’re registering them. I’m registering patients at a very fast rate,” he said in an interview right after a veterans’ town hall meeting at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Friday night.

Hastings, who was appointed to his post in October 2005, is responsible for directing the delivery of healthcare services to veterans in Hawaii, Guam, CNMI and American Samoa.

In his remarks to some 50 veterans in the CNMI on Friday night, Hastings said one of the good things that came out of the Vietnam War was the identification of PTSD which he said is a “big problem” not only for the Pacific region but for the U.S.

“PTSD is a very big problem for us. Also TBI, traumatic brain injuries, is a big problem for us,” Hastings said.

### Saipan outreach clinic

At the Saipan Veterans Outreach Clin-

will go back to the community in the form of donations to school events, cultural events, neighborhood projects, the man’amko center and sports events, among other things.

ic, veterans are seen by Dr. Kendall E. Gladding, who provides psychological services to veterans in the CNMI.

Gladding has a case load of some 25 per week.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), who hosted the veterans’ town hall meeting on Friday night, said the 25 cases a week “attests to the need for these services for our veterans, both those who are recently returned from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan and those who continue to deal with the aftereffects of service in earlier conflicts.”

A dedication ceremony for the outreach clinic is tentatively set for Nov. 12.

Some of the veterans who attended the town hall meeting also shared their experiences in the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and their need for health care assistance.

Tina San Agustin, certified veterans service representative from the VA Honolulu, asked veterans on Friday night to attend the outreach sessions this week to help address individual concerns.

The outreach sessions will be from 8:30am to 4:30pm on Rota today, on Tinian on Tuesday and Wednesday and on Saipan on Thursday and Friday.

Sablan, along with executive assistant for military and veterans affairs Ruth Coleman and other VA officials from Hawaii and Guam, said other health and medical services for veterans are also available at the Saipan Veterans Outreach Clinic, through the clinic of Dr. Norma Ada and Dr. James Hofschneider at the Mariana Heights Plaza in Puerto Rico. Ada was also present at the town hall meeting to answer some of the questions from veterans.

## FITIAL

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The 16-hour cut per pay period could essentially mean a four-day workweek.

Fitial, who came back on island on Thursday after a working trip to California, also said yesterday that in addition to the work hour cuts, his administration also looks to close certain functions “that cannot at this time be considered essential and abolish redundant or nonessential positions.”

The administration has yet to disclose these positions or functions that may be abolished.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, in a telephone interview yesterday, said the new reduction-in-force notices will be issued this week up to Aug. 31.

The 16-hour cut will take effect 30 days from receipt of the notices.

“The number of employees affected will be larger than the ones affected starting in April because this time, it covers both civil service and contract employees,” Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Fitial administration issued a little over 300 notices of 10-hour work cut per pay period among contract or excepted service employees in the Executive Branch in April. The 70-hour work came into effect on May 23.

Demapan said those now getting 10-

hour work cut will receive additional six-hour reduction, while those who are paid 80 hours per pay period will have full 10-hour cuts in time for the Oct. 1 start of FY 2011.

The Fitial administration’s announcement of additional reduction-in-force yesterday came days after Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said that the RIF Task Force continued efforts to implement the plan.

Demapan said the Fitial administration would want to include the Legislative and Judicial Branches, but this has yet to be worked on.

But as of yesterday, the plan is to have the RIF cover only the Executive Branch.

The Fitial administration said yesterday that following the April 1 announcement of its intent to implementation a reduction-in-force, “actions to effectuate an RIF are now in the works through a combination of reduction in work hours, furloughs and terminations of employment, as necessary.”

“A review of staffing and operations was initiated to determine the best means of effectively continuing government services within the constraints of diminished revenues. Limited reductions in hours and salaries for excepted service employees and gubernatorial appointees were effected at that time,” Fitial said yesterday.

cacy Systems, Inc. NMPASI representatives, led by attorney Robert Torres, were present during the ceremony.

According to Torres, Quitugua chose NMPASI as its beneficiary because he has family members that benefited from the services of the CNMI-designated disability law center.

Torres said the \$2,000 donation will help their technical assistance program. “Thank you, Mobil. You really brought a smile on our face,” he added.

Both Necesito and Desebel picked out Guma Esperansa, while Roberto preferred to help the Emergency Food & Shelter. The two programs are under

## MOBIL

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welfare of the community,” said Cioffi, adding that it will continue to work together with its valued patrons.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Cioffi, and other Mobil representatives awarded the donations to the chosen organizations.

Pangelinan selected CNMI Salvation Army. Representatives Wayne and Nancy Gillespie accepted the donation which they said would be used for their food assistance program.

Quitugua’s chosen charity was the Northern Marianas Protection & Advo-

## HOMELESS

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When *Saipan Tribune* visited the place at 6pm, the children were happily playing as the parents were preparing their food and space on the stage where they could all spend the night.

Among the children, it was only the 7-year-old boy who raised a question: What are we doing here?

After Mr. Saluta replied that they were there for camping, the oldest child continued playing with his brothers and sisters.

To fight the mosquitoes, the couple purchased mosquito coils. It was not clear as of press time, whether Mr. Saluta was able to hook up electric power on the stage.

The couple, both Filipinos, are long-time workers on Saipan. Mr. Saluta arrived on the island in 1997, while Mrs. Saluta came in 1994. All of their children are born on the island.

Mr. Saluta is a former water salesman. He was denied of umbrella permit, but claimed he has a pending Labor case against his last employer. He has been unemployed since April 2007.

Mrs. Saluta is a former garment worker. She used to have a Labor case, but it was resolved. She had obtained an umbrella permit. Mrs. Saluta has not worked since 2003.

The family has survived through food stamps and through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

On Jan. 15, 2010, from a small house in Fina Sisu they moved to the Ebetuen Apartment in Chalan Kanoa after they received benefits from the housing aid program given by the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc. The housing benefits, however, expired on Aug. 15, 2010.

Mr. Saluta said as some of the apartment staff were pressuring them to leave after Aug. 15, they had no choice but to find temporary shelter at Susupe Beach Park.

He said two police officers went to the apartment and gave them three days to pack their belongings.

Mr. Saluta said his wife is afraid of the police so they decided to pack up yesterday.

The couple said they were actually planning to move to another house, but that the current occupant is still waiting for his child tax and cannot move out.

The couple said they heard that NMPASI gave other families housing benefits for 18 months so they were hoping that the agency could also provide them such terms.

Mr. Saluta said since they could not find jobs they were thinking of going back to the Philippines.

He said they, however, are considering the situation of their children if they will take them to the Philippines.

“I will take care of my children as long as I live. I am not begging for help. If any agency or people want to help us, we will be grateful,” said Mr. Saluta in Filipino.



**DUE TO REPORTED SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS****BOE wants to revisit schools' uniform policy**

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REPORTER

The CNMI Board of Education wants to revisit the policy on school uniforms implemented in public schools on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian after receiving

**Inos OKs \$5.1K for Rota patients, but rejects \$2.9K for mayor's programs**

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REPORTER

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law on Wednesday a local bill appropriating \$5,100 for Rota patients but rejected a provision giving \$2,900 for the Rota mayor's special programs and projects because of lack of funding.

House Local Bill 17-24, Draft 1 is now Rota Local Law 17-7.

Introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), the bill appropriates \$5,100 for 17 terminally ill and dialysis patients from Rota in August.

Each patient will receive \$300.

Inos, in his message to the

reports that certain schools penalized students for not adhering to the rule.

Board member Herman T. Guerrero, during Friday's regular board meeting in Capital Hills, disclosed that since the board did not establish a gen-

Legislature, said while he appreciates that the Rota Legislative Delegation is appropriating funds for special programs and projects on Rota, "the fund balance in the local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines" on Rota "does not support the full amount of the appropriations in the measure."

"As such, I have no choice but to veto subsection (b) in the amount of \$2,900," Inos said in his message to Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan).

Santos introduced HLB 17-24 on June 25. The delegation passed it on July 28.

eral policy on school uniforms, school officials have no authority to suspend students for failing to wear the uniform in a given day.

"We're looking at what our policy is on this and perhaps establish a clear guidance in terms of school uniform because it's a concern in the public schools. There are some parents who cannot afford to buy and maintain those uniforms for their children. I am really concerned that we have kids who are being penalized for failing to wear their uniform," said Guerrero.

He disclosed that some schools suspended students for incompliance to the school-mandated rule.

"In the absence of any board policy, under what authority the schools have in suspending the kids?" he asked.

Saipan Tribune learned that since there is no board-approved policy on school uniforms, schools and parents-teachers associations were permitted to encourage their students to wear school uniforms on campus.

However, Guerrero pointed out that "suspension" is not acceptable as penalty for those students who fail to abide by this rule.

"We leave it up to the schools and their PTAs to decide...but when you start suspending kids for not complying, then I have a concern because it's not part of

our student discipline policy... they don't have any authority to suspend the kids," he added.

Board member Galvin Deleon Guerrero, during the board's discussion, vowed to look the issue at "full range." He said it's the responsibility of the board to ensure that all students are being treated and served properly in all schools.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero vowed to check every school's data on how they implement their school uniform policy on students.

Besides the suspension of students for failing to wear uniforms, Galvin Deleon Guerrero said his committee is also continuously working on some

initiatives for anti-bullying on campus to ensure students' safety in schools.

Studies revealed that bullying is a form of abuse and comprises repeated acts over time that involves a real or perceived imbalance power with the more powerful individual or group abusing those who are less powerful. This abuse can be emotional, verbal, and physical. Bullying in school and in the workplace is also referred to as peer abuse.

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# Saipan casino legalization, rebate cuts up for House voting today

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REPORTER

Legalizing casino operations on Saipan and a reduction in tax rebates are among the bills that are up for voting in today's House of Representatives session. Members said yesterday that support or opposition to these measures will again boil

down to who has the most number of votes.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said his two Saipan casino bills and tax rebate reduction bill have the votes.

"I never doubted that we have the vote in the House. No question about that. My question is always with the Sen-

ate," Tenorio said in a phone interview yesterday.

The ruling Covenant Party has seven members and four Independents aligned with them, while the majority has seven Republicans.

On April 16, the Senate adopted Sen. Pete P. Reyes's (R-Saipan) Senate Resolution 17-14, junking proposals to operate

casinos on Saipan. The Senate adopted S.R. 17-14 on a 6-1 vote, with two abstentions.

The House Committee on Commerce and Tourism chaired by Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) held public hearings on the two casino bills—House Bills 17-55 and 56—but no committee report has so far been released.

Tenorio said it's been five months since he introduced his bills in March but no report has been done. He said he does not mind whether only one casino bill is passed.

He also introduced his rebate reduction bill, HB 17-50, in March.

"I hate to say this but all bills must be moved out of committees within 60 days... I was told that the committee is working on merging my two bills but I introduced my bills March 21 and it's now five months," he said.

But some Republican members of the minority bloc said yesterday they will not vote on the casino and rebate reduction

bills until they see committee reports or until they hear from experts

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) also said there should be debate on these bills.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) said he will vote no on the casino rebate cut bills.



Tenorio

"Voters voted no on the casino in the past and that must be respected. More discussions and hearings are needed on rebate cuts," he said.

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) said before voting on the tax rebate reduction measure, he would like to hear first from finance and audit experts about the proposal's impact on the CNMI economy. He said he has yet to decide on the casino bills, and hopes that a committee report would be released on the matter.

Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), who was one of two Republicans who voted "yes" last week on the budget bill, said he will not vote on the casino bill because Saipan voters

already rejected it.

Tenorio, at the same time, said he disagrees with the Fitial administration's position that any rebate reduction will not have an impact on the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

"As far as I know, we didn't receive any input or any comment from the administration about the bill. We need additional revenues in 2011. What is in the budget bill is not sufficient to run the government in 2011. As for the casino, in my opinion, there would be an impact in 2011 but not that much. It's going to take two to three years for construction, and few years more for casinos to operate. But once the casino bill is signed, we will feel the impact. Investors, not only those interested in casinos, will come in to check out the place, to build hotels or take over hotels and related tourism businesses," he said.

The speaker said the success of the Saipan casinos will benefit the entire CNMI. He said funds will be funneled to medical care, retirement, and education, among other things.

During the public hearings held by the committee, most of those who attended supported casino operation on Saipan but almost all of them want the bills to be amended.

In the Nov. 3, 2007 elections, Saipan voters who voted "no" to the Saipan casino initiative outnumbered the "yes" votes, 4,721 to 3,492. The "no" to casino prevailed in all Saipan districts.

At that time, Rota voters approved an initiative to establish a casino industry on the island. One investor has so far applied for and granted a conditional license to operate a casino on Rota.

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# Over 350 high school graduates enroll for college

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Some 60 percent of students who graduated from high school last school year will be pursuing college at the start of the fall semester, according to the Public School System.

PSS said of the 597 who graduated from high school in school year 2009-2010, 356 have opted to enroll at the tertiary level this school year.

Records from PSS indicate that 23 percent of the graduates have entered the U.S. Armed Forces, while 10 percent have found immediate work after graduation. Seven percent, meanwhile, remain undecided and have no clear plans after high school.

At Marianas High School, its 240 graduates went to the following areas—89 enrolled at Northern Marianas College, 50 pursued education abroad, 14 applied for employment, 72 entered the military, and 15 graduates were undecided.

An exit poll conducted at Kagman High School before their graduation, for its part, indicated that 115 of the 173 graduates expressed their desire to continue their studies at NMC and outside the CNMI, 22 will join the military, 19 will look for jobs, and 17 have no plans after high school.

Twenty-one Saipan Southern High School graduates, meanwhile, enrolled at NMC, while 32 continued their education abroad. Another 17 immediately joined the workforce after graduation and 20 entered the Armed Forces, while 12 were undecided when the poll was conducted.

At Rota High School, 21 of

the 31 graduates last school year went to college, nine have entered the military, and only one student found employment after graduation.

Of the 51 high school graduates from Tinian, 15 enrolled for college abroad, 13 registered at NMC, 14 joined the military, eight found work after graduation, and only one graduate had other plan after graduation.

In an earlier interview, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan described the result of the senior exit survey as overwhelming and was the highest recorded so far by PSS.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that in the past school years, PSS saw only 30 to 40 percent of high school graduates pursue college.

## 'High attendance rate'

Besides the good number from the senior exit surveys, PSS also recorded a high attendance rate during the last school year.

Data from PSS indicated that public elementary students recorded 80.5 percent attendance rate in SY 2009-2010 followed by high school students in three islands, with an overall 92.67 percent attendance rate.

Junior High School students, meantime, have the highest attendance rate among all levels with 93.40 percent.

A satisfying performance was also shown by teachers during last school year, recording an overall 97 percent attendance rate in all grade levels.

As of this week, 77 percent of the more than 600 classroom teachers at public schools are highly qualified and enjoy a higher salary based on the

HQT compensation plan.

For school administrators,

highly qualified principals and vice principals totaled 95 per-

cent at present while 50 percent of school counselors are

highly qualified to date.

PSS has until July 31, 2011 to meet the highly qualified personnel mandate of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

## Probationer gets 120-day jail term for domestic violence

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has imposed a 120-day jail term on a probationer who beat up his common-law wife on Tinian.

Wiseman sentenced Donovan SN. Borja to one year in jail, all suspended except 120 days, for assault and battery.

Wiseman sentenced the 35-year-old Borja to six months in prison, all suspended except 30 days, for violating a court's order of protection.

Borja was given credit for the 23 days he already served in jail.

The judge said the sentences

shall run concurrently. It means that for the two cases, the defendant's total jail term is 120 days.

Wiseman required the defendant to perform 100 hours of community work service, and pay a \$100 fine and \$25 court assessment fee.

Borja was ordered to start serving the jail term at the Department of Corrections on Saipan on Aug. 20, 2010. He is expected to be released on Nov. 25, 2010.

Wiseman said portion of defendant's incarceration, from Monday to Friday, he shall be incarcerated on Tinian Department of Public Safety and per-

mitted to leave the detention to work between 6am and 6pm.

Each Friday evening, Borja, at his own expense, is required to travel to Saipan and report to DOC no later than 8pm through Sunday evening.

Each Sunday evening, Borja is required to return to Tinian DPS to continue his incarceration.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Borja with assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and kidnapping.

In the other case, the OAG charged the defendant with three counts of criminal contempt, and three counts of vio-

lating an order of protection.

The defendant signed a plea agreement. He pleaded guilty to one count of assault and battery, and one count of violating an order of protection.

Court papers showed that on May 2, 2009 on Tinian, Borja assaulted his common-law wife.

At that time, Borja was still on probation and ordered to stay away from the victim.

In January 2009, the defendant was ordered to spend five days in prison for stealing a check in the amount of \$213.50 belonging to the Tinian Delegation Office. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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### AGENDA

#### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Legal Counsel Position

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Legislative Initiative Public Education
- B. Exit Interview FY2009 Audit Report
- C. NMIRF Case No. 07-006
- D. NMIRF Case No. 10-003
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#### V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Announcements
- B. Next Meeting
- C. Adjournment

/s/ **SIXTO K. IGISOMAR**  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



# Saipan Cool Water files counterclaim vs landowner

A water company filed on Friday a counterclaim against a landowner who asked the Superior Court to order the company to vacate a leased property in Kannat Tabla for alleged non-payment of past due rent.

Saipan Cool Water & Ice Inc., through counsel Joaquin DLG. Torres, filed the counterclaim against George Litulumar Teregeyo for breach of contract.

Saipan Cool Water asked the Superior Court to order Teregeyo to pay the company damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Torres stated in the complaint that on Dec. 6, 2007, Teregeyo entered into a lease agreement for a 25-year term, commencing on Dec. 6, 2007.

Torres said the agreement clearly states that Saipan Cool Water will lease the real property containing 5,000 square meters located in Kannat Tabla, together with a one-story building thereon.

The lawyer said the lease of real property is for 5,000 square meters, however, Teregeyo allowed the company to occupy a total of 892 square meters only.

"Therefore an area of more than or less 4,108 square meters has not been used or occupied by the defendant (Saipan Cool Water) as agreed upon in the lease of real property," Torres said.

Saipan Cool Water made payments based on 5,000 square meters that it should have occupied, Torres pointed out.

He said Teregeyo has breached the terms of the contract since he only allowed the company to occupy 892 square meters instead of 5,000, and therefore is in

violation of the lease.

In Saipan Cool Water's answer to Teregeyo's lawsuit, Torres said the claims are barred, among other things, by fraud, duress, intimidation, and bad faith dealing. He asked the court to dismiss the complaint.

According to Teregeyo's complaint, the company paid the agreed rent of \$600 per month for many months but since February 2010 it ceased to do so and refused to pay rent for the general lease. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## RFP for new CUC office location underway

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REPORTER

Outgoing Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Tony Muna has placed the relocation of the agency's offices among his top priorities before leaving office; and said requirements for request for proposal are now being finalized.

"We want to resolve this [relocation issue] once and for all. We're now closely finalizing the RFP requirements," said Muna.

Saipan Tribune learned that CUC has identified an area in San Jose to be the agency's next

office location. However, this has been discounted by the official during Thursday's interview.

The CUC official wants a bigger facility and wider parking spaces for all its clients and personnel. Although he earlier admitted that they may consider vacant government facilities, he hinted that what they are looking for is an area that would be accessible to customers. CUC once held its offices in the now-abandoned La Fiesta Mall in San Roque. But due to the remote location, it returned its operation to Joeten Dandan building after some years.

Saipan Tribune learned that the

agency is paying a monthly rent of \$2,100 for all its offices both in the ground floor and third floor of the building. The lease expired in March but was extended until a new location is identified.

Many believed that the planned relocation of CUC from the Joeten property was a result of some "political bicker-

ing." However, Muna—in previous interviews—denied this.

Besides the "inaccessible" location, Muna earlier disclosed that there is also another serious concern on the building that prompted the agency's decision. He referred to the cracks on the floors and walls in many of its offices.

## Military training at FDM on Aug. 23-26

The CNMI Emergency Management Office, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Force Marianas Guam, said that the U.S. military unit would be conducting military training on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla on Aug. 23-26, from 7am to 5pm.

The general locations for this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla training area on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is advising the gen-

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Aug. 23, 1999

#### CPA called to join in probe of rising consumer prices

Four months into a probe on the high consumer prices on the island, government agencies tasked to investigate have yet to break ground which could explain the spiraling cost of living in the CNMI. And now, Rep. Melvin Faisao, who initiated the probe, said he would ask the Commonwealth Ports Authority to help shed light whether port fees, wharfage and other charges the agency imposes have contributed to the rising prices of goods being sold on the island. The move follows findings by the Department of Commerce that it's not only the shipping rates which eventually dictate retail value of imported goods, but also other factors that importers pay before they can unload their products.

#### MHS gets full accreditation

The Marianas High School, the only public high school on Saipan, has received a six-year term accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accrediting Commission for Schools. Six years is equivalent to a full-term award, the longest that a school can get from WASC. Another public school which recently received a full-term accreditation from the commission was Garapan Elementary School. "This is the first time MHS has received such an award," according to principal Jim Denight. "It is evident that MHS students, faculty and staff are among the best in the region. MHS will continue to offer every opportunity to improve the quality of education for its students," Denight added. The committee, which visited several CNMI schools last year, recognized MHS for the commitment and dedication of the staff and faculty to providing quality education.

Aug. 23, 2000

#### Legislation seeks scrutiny of governor's appointees

Appointments made by the governor in exchange for political favors are now a subject of scrutiny by the Legislature as the House of Representatives yesterday passed a measure that will order the Office of Personnel Management to review their qualifications. But the legislation was strongly opposed by some members, particularly from the minority, who considered it not necessary in view of the constitutional provision that allows the Senate to give its advice and consent to executive appointments. HB 12-196, sponsored by Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, narrowly passed with nine voting "yes" and six "no." It is now up for Senate voting. Opposition to the bill was led by Rep. Diego T. Benavente who said the power to appoint should be left to the governor and to the Senate, the authority to confirm or reject any of his appointee.

#### House may pass FY 2001 budget this week

The House of Representatives is likely to pass the FY 2001 budget by this week to give the Senate one month to review the proposal before the new fiscal year begins on October 1, according to Speaker Benigno R. Fitial. The Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Rep. Antonio M. Camacho, is expected to report to the floor the package which the panel has drawn up after months of deliberation and discussion with various government agencies and departments. "We hope to have the new budget before the end of the current fiscal year," Mr. Fitial said. The House's budget proposal will not veer away much from what Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio submitted in April despite appeals from major agencies for more money, according to a committee member.

Aug. 23, 2001

#### Remittances climb 11% in 2nd quarter

Following a lackluster showing during the first three months of the year, the remittance sector bounced back as it grew 11 percent in the second quarter. According to latest figures from the Department of Commerce's Banking and Insurance Division, remittances climbed to \$19.1 million in the April-June 2001 period compared to last year of the same quarter's \$17.2 million. Banking and Insurance officer John Blanco attributed the increase to the opening of new remittance centers in the Commonwealth.

#### Alcohol, tobacco retailers drop 30%

Only 594 out of the 894 liquor licenses issued last year were actually renewed by establishments selling alcoholic beverages when their permits expired last June according to the Department of Commerce's Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division. However, the division remains unperturbed and said that the drop in alcohol license renewals does not necessarily mean a tapering off of stores, restaurants, bars and other establishments selling alcoholic beverages.





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### Individual Education Programs:

## A Workshop for Parents



The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested parents to attend this workshop on Individual Education Programs (IEPs) on September 1, 2010 at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, Saipan from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Parents play an important role in the development and monitoring of their child's IEP. This half day session will address:

- The purpose of the IEP;
- Information you can contribute to the IEP-The process for determining necessary services;
- Monitoring your child's educational progress; and
- Collaborating with your child's team.

The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. Carol was involved with the development of one of the first Parent Information Centers in New Hampshire in 1977. She was also a Special Education Director of 20 years. Come hear her ideas for how you can be both a strong advocate for your child and a strong partner with your child's school team.

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# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### Squeeze harder on Iran

**A**fter four rounds of U.N. sanctions against Iran, followed by ever more stringent U.S. and European Union measures, Tehran is suffering some economic pain for refusing to curb its nuclear ambitions. Finally.

The good news:

■ Gasoline imports to Iran reportedly fell by half in July compared with May levels, according to the International Energy Agency. Iran must import a sizable chunk of its fuel and it is paying a huge premium for that gasoline, when it can find suppliers.

■ More companies—not just energy firms—are turning their backs on Tehran. Toyota said last week that it has suspended auto exports to Iran.

■ Tehran has scaled back its ambitions to become a major liquefied natural gas exporter, The Wall Street Journal recently reported. That's probably because the country is having trouble acquiring Western technology.

■ Banks and insurance companies are paying heed. The evidence: International investment in Iran's oil and gas developments is drying up.

The bad news: So far all of this economic pain has not compelled Iran to halt its nuclear program.

One major reason: Tehran's chief enablers, the Russians and Chinese.

The Chinese voted for sanctions but still sell gasoline to Tehran. The Russians voted for sanctions, but announced last week that they would begin loading nuclear fuel into Iran's first nuclear power plant by Saturday.

What terrible timing. For years, the Russians dragged their feet and invented excuses not to flip the switch on Iran's power plant. Now they cave, just when international economic sanctions are starting to bite?

A crisis is a terrible thing to waste, Mr. Putin.

The Iranians already have enough nuclear material for two bombs, with further enrichment. Analysts at the Institute for Science and International Security recently raised the possibility that Iran could be conducting a "slow motion breakout." Instead of a sudden leap into the nuclear club, the Iranians are gradually gaining expertise in enriching fuel and building the bomb.

How to stop Tehran? "It may be that their ideological commitment to nuclear weapons is such that they're not making a simple cost-benefit analysis on this issue," President Obama said recently. Or it may be that the costs are not yet high enough to force Iran to back off.

Let's find out.

Expand U.S. sanctions against international companies doing business with the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, the power behind the mullahs and the regime's enforcers. That needs to go beyond banks and energy firms to include all foreign companies with commercial ties to the Guards.

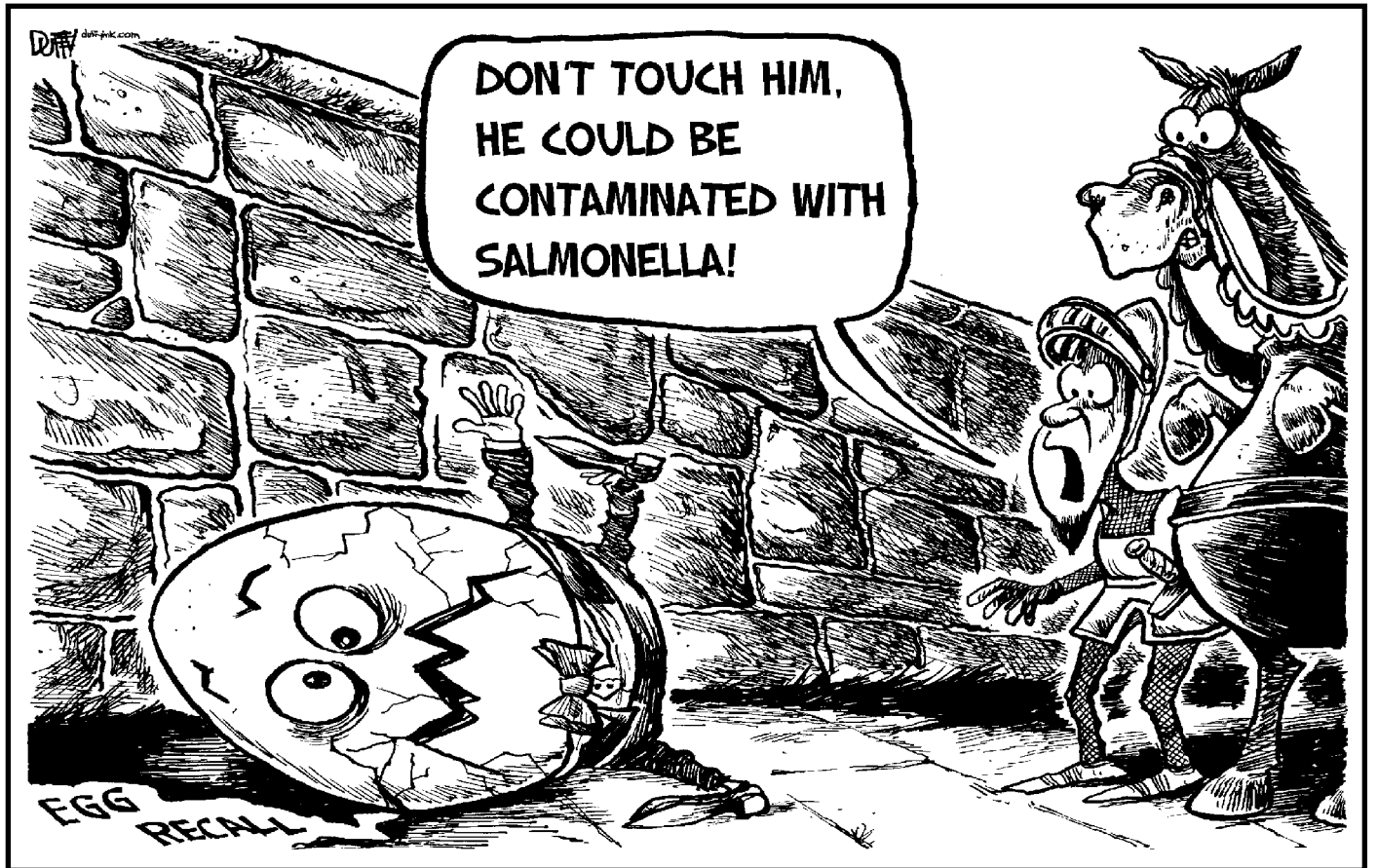
Aggressively enforce the new sanctions against companies that supply Iran's energy sector. Where to start? The Foundation for Defense of Democracies recently issued a target list of 18 big companies still dealing with Iran. Those include major Russian and Chinese companies that do business in the U.S. and Iran.

Realistically, no, we don't have overwhelming leverage against the Russians and Chinese. But let's remind those leaders that helping Iran evade sanctions hikes the chances of two disastrous outcomes: a military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities or a Middle East nuclear arms race.

We have the mullahs' attention. They're feeling some pain.

Now ... squeeze harder.

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## What to do with an ailing hospital?

**T**he other day I saw a sad and depressing demonstration on one of our busy traffic corners. Several young boys and an adult were waving a cardboard sign begging for money. I learned that they were soliciting funds to send a relative off for a medical referral.

You and I have seen this scene several times. It got me thinking, "When are we going to have a decent hospital with the specialist doctors that can treat patients here. Why do our people have to revert to begging for medical treatments? Why do so many patients need to be referred to other hospitals? Why can't most of them be treated here?" I can understand this happening in a third world country, but the CNMI is part of the United States. Why does this happen here?

We must stop being abused as we are with the CUC. Why do we continually allow this to happen? Why can't we study how other hospitals are more successful than ours and copy their techniques for success? There are many hospitals the size of CHC. Have we ever compared our operation to theirs?

Sad to admit, but it is the government again trying to operate something that it cannot but insists that it can. And we the patients suffer for this arrogance. But action must be taken to correct a worsening situation. All of us must help solve this problem. However we cannot solve it until we all stand up and shout: Basta! Basta!

There is a solution. But where is the determination to correct it? It lies in us. If we want a good hospital we must work to build one. It is not lack of money, but **how** we use the money and **our attitude**.

Saipan has a health crisis. It can be summed up in a few words: **low morale, low wages, neglect of facilities, and poor work conditions**. And who operates our Commonwealth Health Center? Yes, you guessed it—the government!

Like the CUC, the CHC is operating at a very low proficiency and is crying the same tune as the CUC. They both cry that they do not have sufficient funds. The 86-bed hospital was built at a cost of \$25-million allocation from the U.S. Congress. How many of us know that the money came from the U.S.? Is it the lack of sufficient funds that prevents the CHC of becoming a "state-of-the-art, 20th century hospital" as envisioned in 1986, when it was opened? You answer that question. I already know the answer. In all these years what have we learned about improving our medical services?

Let's look at **low morale**. Why are so many good doctors leaving our islands? Why are so many of the nurses unhappy with their work but are afraid to discuss it? Who is supposed to build morale and settle the grievances in a fair and just manner?

Good management knows fully well that when employees are happy they will work under various stress levels knowing that they are appreciated. Most employees leave a company or a hospital not because of working conditions, but poor management. They feel that they are not appreciated for the work they do. How much money does it cost to build high morale? All that is needed is respect and appreciation for the hard work and long hours each puts in.

**Consider low wages.** A doctor spends eight years of his life studying to become certified. Then he must constantly study to keep abreast of all the new medical advances and medicines. This requires much time and effort. For this he should be fairly compensated according to doctors' national pay scales. Nurses also should be paid fairly based on na-

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tional pay scales for them. And why has the hospital created a two-tier pay scale, one for off-island hires and one for civil servants? Doesn't management understand what difference in salaries does to employees who do the same work but are paid different rates?

Do we think that since we are paying them a bit over the minimum wage, they should be happy? To get and keep good doctors and nurses we must pay them the equivalent pay they would receive according to national standards. Remember we get what we pay for. Our lives depend on good doctors and nurses. Yet, we will foolishly spend over \$100,000 per year for casino commissioners for doing nothing. Where are our priorities? When will we understand this?

What about **poor work conditions**? To better understand this problem invite a doctor or a nurse out and talk to them privately: "What are the work conditions at the hospital? And other questions." Because they know that to speak out in public about their poor work conditions could result in having their employment contract not renewed, be buried in night-time duty forever; lose some of their night deferential benefits, on-call fees and the \$600 to \$800 in housing allowance. As a result many of them work in fear.

When we see beds with rust on the frames, faded and worn out bed sheets, and other **neglect of facilities**, is that because of lack of money or lack of care? If facilities were cared for regularly, they would last a long time. But when they are neglected, the accumulation of neglect becomes too expensive to maintain so the facilities get worse. Remember neglect of facilities is accumulative. Fix the item when it needs it and the cost is minimal.

Ask yourself: **How much money does it take to improve low morale, low wages, neglect of facilities, and poor work conditions?** Or is it attitude of management that creates these problems causing us to have poor health service? Do we really believe that because the governor on Oct. 20, 2009 declared a state of health emergency for the CNMI that all the problems will vanish? It is almost one year later and they are only getting worse.

We could discuss the astronomical cost of referrals. We could wince at the huge amount of uncollected debt, but let's stop here. I hope this discussion has you thinking so far. We can make a difference! The change must come from us. Let's stop being treated worst than animals. No more excuses. Our lives and health are too important. Enough of politics!

Where are the goals and planning that are needed? I am urging us to wake up and seek better ways. If we change our attitudes towards what we are doing now and accept that we don't know how to run a professional hospital, the changes will happen. A long time

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## Revisiting a distant prediction in today's world

Halfway thru this year of 2010 one is struck by the number of disasters occurring in different parts of the planet: war, floods, fires, landslides—all plague the populations of many countries. It brings to mind a college lecture of many years ago.

In 1798, English economist Thomas Malthus published “An Essay on the Principle of Population”, describing his theory of quantitative development of human populations. He observed:

“I think I may fairly make two postulates. First, that food is necessary to the existence of man. Secondly, that the passion between the sexes is necessary and will remain nearly in its present state. These two laws, ever since we have had any knowledge of mankind, appear to have been fixed laws of our nature, and, as we have not hitherto seen any alteration in them, we have no right to conclude that they will ever cease to be what they now are, without an im-

mediate act of power in that Being who first arranged the system of the universe, and for the advantage of his creatures, still executes, according to fixed laws, all its various operations.”

(I will not venture into the issue of same sex marriage).

Malthus continued: “Assuming then my postulate as granted, I say, that the power of population is indefinitely greater than the power in the earth to produce subsistence for man. Population, when unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio.”

Simply stated to offer an example on Malthusian theory—Population increases geometrically: 2 - 4 - 8 - 16 - 32 - 64, etc., etc.

Food supply increase arithmetically: 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7, etc., etc.

Malthus reasoned that population growth could only be checked by either war, starvation or pestilence. or a combination of the three.

A key portion of the above book was dedicated to what is now

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known as “Malthus’ Iron Law of Population.” This theory suggested that growing population rates would contribute to a rising supply of labor that would inevitably lower wages. In essence, Malthus feared that continued population growth would lend itself to poverty.

Does any of this seems familiar?

## Bike Trails 8: A CUC love affair

Back on the bike at a slower pace and closer-to-the-ground perspective, after a disastrous month-and-a-half tryst with a red sedan I shamelessly wrangled off my friend’s garage who went off island for vacation. I should pay more attention to the Chinese yearbook that forecasts one’s fortunes on the basis of one’s zodiac sign. Or, check with the Garapan Thai lady and see what the cards reveal about one’s future.

But not one inclined to having my future determined by the whims of the weather, or the position of heavenly bodies, let alone the characteristics of 12 animals that identifies with the year of one’s birth, I ignored the warning that being August-born in the Year of the Rooster, I was not to drive a red vehicle in the summer because the heat inherent in the personality does not get along well with the heat of color red and steamy summer air.

Hot air rose. It was more than a few decibel rise in my voice that caught the CUC customer service personnel’s cautioning words when I took lunch off to clarify how the LEAC (Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause, or the cost of bringing in fuel to the island passed on to the consumer) was calculated on my CUC bill. I moved into a Fina Sisu apartment a month before, and though electrical cost for 20 days still netted close to the century dollar mark, the LEAC charge was four times more. I went to the CUC cashier to fulfill my obligation but the officer would not receive my payment until I had it cleared with the customer service folks.

Took a number to the line. I also received two notices for water and sewage, which is covered in my rent in the copy of the lease I provided CUC to get connected, so I wanted that expunged. Having waited in line before, I brought one of Joe *Saipan Mango Race’s* books to read so it was not as irritating as it would have been had I just sat there and tweedledee’d and tweedledum’d my thumb. When my number was finally called, the CS lady summarily asked me to

read my electric meter before she can adjust my LEAC.

“Excuse me,” I said, “but isn’t that your fieldman’s job to come and read my meter before I get a bill from you?”

“I am sorry, Sir, but I cannot do anything about your bill until I get a meter reading ...” went our circuitous, repetitive discourse. That’s when I finally decided to raise the voice so I can move on to the cashier, which had then formed a long line.

The poor lady evidently about to go on a break for lunch gruffly noted on my bill that “customer refuses to pay LEAC on the bill ... etc.” Fine with me. I was even charitable enough to excuse the mess upon learning that there was a glitch in the CUC computer system. I was not the only one whose bill was weird.

But this was not the first time. I still remember about five years ago when CUC sent my two-bedroom apartment household a hefty bill of more than \$60,000. It was in my Chinese wife’s name, so I felt playful and went to CUC to explain that my garment factory was not doing so well, and asked if I can avail of any installment plan that CUC might offer. The CS personnel went into my record, and said, “Sure.”

Still poker-faced, I inquired on the particulars of my bill. That’s when the officer noticed that compared to the previous month, the current bill was unusual. I dropped a corporate officer’s name into the conversation and I was told to ignore the bill but pay the previous month’s total. Well, it took six months before the item on the bill disappeared from my monthly statement, which meant that CUC carried in its books a \$60K+ collectible as part of its imaginary assets!

This telling should not be construed as an expression of protest. The people at CUC are a likable lot even when they are short of smiles but they sure lead one too often to a bureaucratic maze they have difficulty getting out of. But this is not unique to CUC. In fact, letters to the editors of both papers are replete with incidences of

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how island customer service counters conduct themselves.

My favorite tale is more than a decade old, and it is probably unfair that I should keep retelling it. I had just moved on island from Hawaii and had the telephone company connect me a line at Kannat Tabla. After two weeks of inaction, I called the company’s service line and was given reasons why the lineman had not gotten to my place. Having just worked as a customer service associate at a computer store outside of Washington, D.C., I nicely asked the service provider if she ever heard of customer service. Brightly, innocently, and quickly, she answered: “Oh, yes, sir. But that is the other department!”

In a culture that prides itself as being high on relational values, where the indigenes’ common complaint against visitors is the aliens’ seeming lack of respect, or due consideration, we are nevertheless, feted with a huffy haughty hoity-toity attitude at the customer service counter. The bureaupathic behavior is bad enough, but to be mired in unnecessary and incomprehensible systems, and made to feel that it was somehow the customers’ responsibility to fix, is unconscionable. Nevertheless, CUC, for all your faults, we still love you. If you privatize, we’ll love you more!

Oh, the red car? Didn’t even catch the attention of one of the Japanese red heads!

## Letter to the Editor

## Real solutions need real leaders

If you scan through the numerous letters submitted to our local newspapers over the past few years, you will find scores of eloquent letters from various writers who offered solutions to every single problem affecting the CNMI today.

If you scan through a local paper over a decade ago and read the headlines, you will see that the same problems we had 10 years ago continue to haunt us today.

If concrete, credible solutions have been offered and expressed by community members in letters, as well as public forums, then why haven’t these solutions been carried out by our leaders?

The answer is simple. Our community has offered real solutions. The problem is, we just don’t have enough real leaders to get the job done.

Now, of course, the most common arguments that counter progress and viable solutions include, “Come on primo, it’s the island way, that is how politics is done here” and “We agree with you but we can’t risk losing our jobs right now” and “Stop complaining, you’re not even from here you m%& f\*#@#!”

If the CNMI is to progress and prosper once again, it will take an overwhelming majority of our community members to stop settling for weak excuses and political trickery and treachery, and to start demanding real representation and real solutions from our leaders.

To this date, the only “real solutions” coming out of Capital Hill from Speaker Froilan Tenorio and his followers in the House are: casinos, marijuana, assault rifles and handguns for all, raising taxes on businesses that are struggling to survive, reversing an anti-smoking law that protects our health, and of course, my personal favorite, increasing every lawmaker’s office budget while ordering every

government employee to take a 20-percent pay cut.

It is mind-blowing, isn’t it? With regard to our leaders’ increase in their discretionary funds while telling everyone to take a 20-percent pay cut, it is reminiscent of an old tale of a French princess who told peasants who were starving and had no more food supplies left, “Let them eat cake.” Obviously, you can’t eat cake without important ingredients like eggs, butter, and flour, so the peasants couldn’t eat cake, even if they wanted to. It showed how out-of-touch this princess was with the suffering of her people. Sound familiar?

It takes either extreme arrogance or ignorance to raise your office budget while asking your constituents to “eat cake.” I’m going with both on this one. When asked about the raise in their office budgets, some of our leaders were quoted as saying, “This increase will go back to the community” and “Hey, we didn’t increase our salaries, only our discretionary funds.” Wow! Do they actually believe the words coming out of their mouths? I know the community-at-large doesn’t. I’m going to try to break this down for our leaders in very simple terms. Let’s say we have a pie. If I take a slice from it, I can take either a big slice or a small slice. The bigger the slice I take, the lesser the pie there will be for others. When our leaders take a bigger piece of the CNMI’s budget, there is a lesser budget left over for education, healthcare, and salaries. Now if this explanation is still too complicated for our leaders to comprehend, I can bring a chalkboard and a piece of chalk up to their offices and have my six-year-old daughter explain it to them.

Last Friday, about 30 people went up to Capital Hill to protest the House budget bill. I was one of them. Some say 30 is nothing. Some say 30 isn’t enough to bring change. I see it differently. It is not the

quantity that showed up, but rather the quality of those people who showed up. I would proudly stand with each and every one of them through heat or rain on any given day.

The bottom line is, we can offer solutions all day long—until we are blue in the face. The problem we are facing is that the truly responsible leaders up on Capital Hill are currently outnumbered and outgunned, and they face the wrath of a speaker who has his own personal agenda (Can you say casino?) and refuses to listen to anyone but himself. I thank our minority leaders who have done their best to fight the asinine House budget bill and even tried to debate it, only to be muffled by their colleagues in the leadership. Your heart is with the people, and may God bless you for standing up for what is right. We fervently hope that the Senate will have the courage and wisdom to reject the House budget bill as it stands and amend it so that it prioritizes essential services and education, instead of “feathering their own nest.”

The change we seek is probably not going to happen today. Or tomorrow. Or next week. Or even next year. Change requires two important ingredients: persistence and patience. We must continue to fight for what is right. We must continue to fight for what is best for not some of our people, but for all of our people. We must continue to fight for fairness, equality, and a cleaner, efficient, and effective government. We owe this not just to ourselves, but to our children, who will one day either inherit a corrupt and bankrupt government, or an honest and vibrant government. The choice is ours.






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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Partly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	▲ 90 ▼ 78
Majuro	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 78

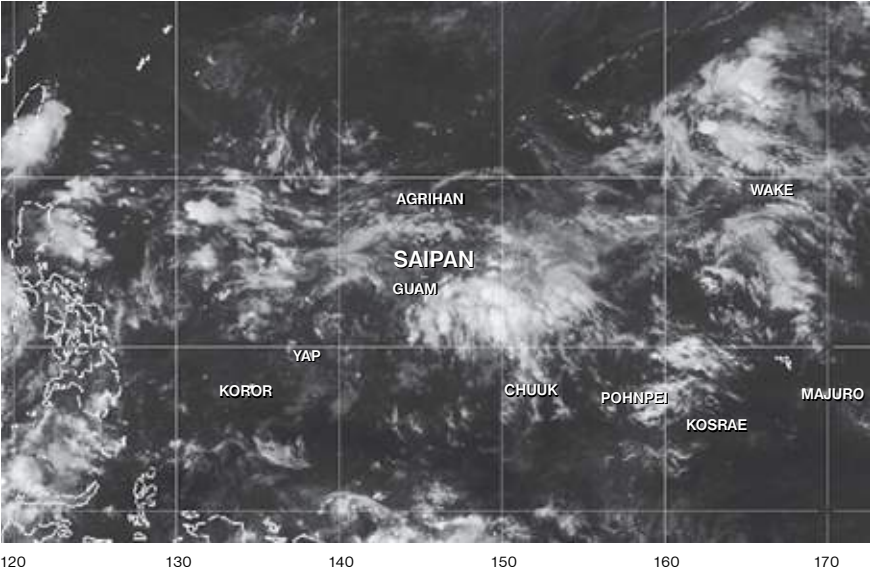
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 58 ▼ 48
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 67
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 74
London	Fog	▲ 68 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲ 58 ▼ 44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 80
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 80 ▼ 69
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 93 ▼ 77
Paris	Showers	▲ 72 ▼ 59
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 76
Rome	Sunny	▲ 90 ▼ 69
Salem	Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 55
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 65 ▼ 56
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 74
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 80
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 71

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet	
5:58 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
1:13 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	
7:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2010**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends northeastward from near the Philippines through 18N130E to an upper low centered southeast of Iwo To island at 23N144E then turns eastward to another upper low centered east of Minami Torishima at 24N160E and finally continues northeastward to beyond 25N at 161E. Divergent upper winds near the trough are coupling with converging surface winds to produce widely scattered to scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from north of Palau eastward to the Marianas between 12N and 20N from 130E to 145E. Similar conditions are also found east of the Marianas and also between Minami Torishima and Wake Island within 150 miles of a line from 14N149E to 16N159E to 25N165E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over south of Guam and Chuuk between 4N and 12N from 144E to 156E. Widely scattered showers are seen between Kosrae and Wake Island between 8N and 16N from 160E to 167E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:32 PM	4:36 AM
Tuesday	6:09 PM	5:24 AM
Wednesday	6:44 PM	6:11 AM
Thursday	7:19 PM	6:57 AM
Friday	7:54 PM	7:43 AM

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 16, 2010

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
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<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
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<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
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<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



O P I N I O N

Letters to the Editor

Saipan isn't Jamaica

On Aug. 12 around 6:30pm, I received a phone call from one my customers, a Russian tourist, who reported an attack on his car.

According his report, he took his wife and two children to Pau Pau Beach, which my agency recommended as a good beach to visit. I accompanied the visitor to DPS Central in Susupe submit a statement.

As an agent, I provided an English-Russian translation and learned more details of that attack. According to my customer's statement, on his way back to the hotel his car was attacked by a roadside bystander at a place located up the hill south of Aqua Resort Club.

As my customer described, he was driving in the inner lane heading south when a boy between 5'4" and 5'5" tall, dark haired, and dressed in dark red T-shirt with some text in front and dark shorts, appeared from the roadside bush, reached the middle of the left lane, and from

a baseball-like position threw a rock at his car.

The tourist was sure that the boy was targeting his car because the attacker took a lead on the car's movement. The perpetrator succeeded and the rock hit the car on the left side. It missed the windshield by few inches. The left fender got a 0.5 inch deep dent around four by two inches big. Throughout the time the statement was processed at DPS Central, my customer asked me a few times "What was the perpetrator doing?" Well, I had (and still have) no idea. I made up some explanation, but the real question is still without an answer: Why did that boy (young man) attack a non-marked tourist car? Did he think that it was somebody else's car, or he just was having a good time?

Personally, I think that everyone was lucky the rock struck the fender. If it had gotten into the windshield, it could've killed the driver and put the lives of his wife and two chil-

dren in jeopardy.

If the rock hit the windshield, it could've wounded or even killed one or even both children who were sitting on the rear seat. In that case the perpetrator would be facing murder charges.

I am writing this letter in order to let people living south of Aqua Resort Club know that if their children are involved in extremely dangerous games, it is up to them to prevent such accidents from happening in the future.

I would like to add that one policeman at the DPS Central, who was trying to comfort my customer and his family, commented that my customer's experience was not so bad. He said somewhere, in Jamaica for instance, it could be much worse. Your car could be hijacked, said the policeman. My customer replied, "We choose Saipan because it is not Jamaica."

**Oleg Tchernychenko**  
*Via email*

Where is the honor and integrity?

To the 17th Legislature,

It is highly imperative and essentially critical that our educational systems are free from your ability to line-item and dictate our children's budgetary financial stability. It is also with such disgrace that the majority of those in power occupying our legislative branch had sought to hurt the entire school children of the Northern Mariana Islands without any remorse, or regard of the consequences imposed by such irresponsible legislative decisions.

I ask all of you elected leaders, especially those that had put "EDUCATION" on the top of every single campaign advertisements, pamphlets, debates, TV ads, billboards, and so forth, WHERE is your commitment, integrity, and honor in protecting our children's education? Explain yourselves as to how do any of you expect parents, especially those employed in government to continue providing financial stability to their

children while their salaries are being reduced by 25 percent and as if most of you are not satisfied, further disgrace and a slap in the face ignorantly increased your own discretionary funds?

As for the Northern Marianas College, I am compelled to address the following critical sections of the recommendations on the current show-cause status issued by the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges on June 30, 2010.

Serious non-compliance with standards, all of which are re-occurring deficiencies led to the commission's current action imposing show cause. "Recommendation # 1 To meet the Eligibility Requirements and Standards the governing board should exercise its authority to govern the college and protect from undue influence by the Commonwealth government including the government's ability to line-item dictate the college budget. The governing

board should act autonomously to govern the college free from indirect interference by the Commonwealth governor or members of the Legislature, this will defend the college from vagaries of changes in political power."

Now, for the final the question, are any of you our elected leaders prepared to accept responsibility for your actions should NMC's lose its accreditation to include shutting down the only local college in the CNMI? Again, where is the integrity and honor placing education and students first at the top of your list while seeking election or re-election?

For those of you that voted to pass such an irresponsible budget bill, and those intending to support it, do any of you believe that NMC will survive the current show cause Status after your recent action to slash their budget?

**Gregorio Cruz**  
*Taotao Tano president*

still working there. It is sad that so many of you have left or want to leave. I also respect the management team who are trying hard, but cannot seem to get their act together. But I don't respect the government for allowing this fiasco to continue. Aren't our children's and our lives important enough to be treated respectfully and professionally? How many more unnecessary deaths and how many more malpractice suits will it take for us to wake up?

No, I am not complaining to hear the sound of my voice. I am begging for improvements which can be done with the existing budget if only we desired to change. Changes can begin on a modest scale and grow. But we must want to improve. Better medical treatment is available if only we get off our butts and do it! **Our lives depend on it!**

HOSPITAL

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ago I learned that when I don't know, instead of pretending that I know, I seek out somebody who does know.

Our hospital is where we go when we are sick and need help. But can we go with confidence? Ask yourself: is it really insufficient money or is it the government's arrogance in thinking that it can operate a hospital? Doesn't this sound similar to the problem we are facing at the CUC also? Please prove me wrong.

I respect and honor all the doctors who have worked and are still working there. I honor and respect all the nurses who have worked and are

L O C A L

CCA marks successful launch of Second Saturday Strides

The Commonwealth Cancer Association launched its first-ever Second Saturday Strides on the morning of Aug. 14 from Minatchom Atdao to Quartermaster Intersection and back.

Second Saturday Strides is the CCA's newest initiative to raise funds for cancer awareness and patient support programs, and to promote healthy physical activity in the community. The 3-mile fun run/walk is held on the second Saturday of every month, and a \$5 donation per person is requested.

Board Fundraising Committee Chair Jocelyn Deleon Guerrero thanked all the participants, sponsors, and partners who helped make the CCA's first *Strides* a success. "All in all, we had approximately 24 individuals participate in *Second Saturday Strides* on August 14, and in a couple of hours that morning, together we raised \$175 in cash and approximately \$300 in in-kind contributions," she said. In addition, Deleon Guerrero noted that new CCA volunteers and survivors were registered that day.

All of the proceeds from *Second Saturday Strides* go towards the CCA's outreach and educa-

tion efforts to promote cancer risk reduction and early detection, and support services for cancer patients, including the financial assistance program of up to \$500 per cancer patient per year for supplies such as nutritional supplements, prosthetic devices, and wound care kits, and equipment on loan such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, and oxygen concentrators, at no charge.


Board president Alex Sablan expressed his gratitude to *Second Saturday Strides* sponsors Foremost Foods and Micronesian Brokers; volunteers Eulalia Villagomez, Ann Lores, Nathania Maui, Alexis Hofschneider, Ana Ada, and Osang Tan; partners Department of Public Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the American Red Cross; and all the runners and walkers who participated in the event.

"Second Saturday Strides is truly a collaborative effort, and we have many people to thank for their generosity," Sablan said. "Foremost Foods provided bottles of water to hand out to our participants, Micronesian Brokers gave out samples of oatmeal as well as

Ensure in a variety of flavors, the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program provided wristband giveaways symbolizing cancer survivorship and support, the American Red Cross provided a tent and coolers, and of course our volunteers and supporters gave of their time and energy to make it happen. We are grateful to them all, and we hope that they continue in their support of the Commonwealth Cancer Association in the months and years to come," he added.


The next Second Saturday Strides is slated for Sept. 11 from Minatchom Atdao to Quartermaster Intersection and back, with registration beginning at 5:30am.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that advocates for a cancer-free CNMI through public education about cancer prevention and early detection, and provides support to cancer patients, survivors, and their families through community partnerships and programs. For more information, call 682-0050, email [cca@ccamarianas.org](mailto:cca@ccamarianas.org) or visit [www.ccamarianas.org](http://www.ccamarianas.org). (PR)



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-045

USED OIL REMOVAL, TANK CLEANING, AND INSPECTION at ROTA POWER PLANT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the "TANK CLEANING" - at its Rota Power Plant, in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated Order No. 2 (SO2) response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs:

A. Project 1:

1. Workplan Preparation;

2. Used Oil Removal, Cleaning, and Inspection of Tank R2 (20,000 USG , each), used for used oil storage;

3. Used Oil Removal, Cleaning and Inspection of tank R3 (5,000 USG), used for used oil storage;

4. Removal of diesel, Cleaning, and Inspection of tank R1 (231,000 USG), used for diesel storage;

5. Lube Oil Removal, Cleaning, and Inspection of tank R 4 (9,000USG), used for new lube oil storage;

6. Removal of used oil in Drums

B. Project 2:

1. Workplan preparation;

2. Repair R2, after cleaning

3. Repair R3, after cleaning;

4. Repair R4 after cleaning;

5. Repair R1 after cleaning

RFP Deadlines and Highlights:

Proposal Submission - One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-10-045 USED OIL REMOVAL AND TANK CLEANING at ROTA POWER PLANT" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220 Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 31, 2010 at 10:00 AM. (CHST) local time.** Late submissions will not be considered.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until August 26, 2010. A non-refundable payment of \$200 will be required for each set of Plans, Specification, and Proposal Forms.**

• A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **August 26, 2010 at 1200 PM** CUC ROTA Power Plant, ROTA.

• A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a U.S. Treasury listed company. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

• The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page - <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

• This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of Interior.

Submission of questions and clarifications must be submitted in writing via email no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time **on August 27, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Procurement and Supply Manager via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net); Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Support Assistant via email address [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net); Mr. William Sword, Technical Manager for Oil, via email [sword.william@gmail.com](mailto:sword.william@gmail.com) and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Project Manager, Power generation, via email [venu@cucgov.net](mailto:venu@cucgov.net). **CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.**

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE  
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA  
Executive Director



# Business

## CNMI spared from nationwide massive egg recall

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

The CNMI is not affected by the massive recall of half a billion egg products in the U.S. due to confirmed salmonella bacteria; because the company that sold the tainted eggs didn't distribute them to the islands.

Department of Public Health's Bureau of Environmental Health official John Tagabuel confirmed this to *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend after BEH conducted inspections on retail stores and wholesale companies on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

BEH staffers inspected food wholesale importers and retailers last week and confirmed that the Food and Drug Administration recall of contaminated eggs, produced by Wright Country Egg, was not found or dispensed in the CNMI.

"The FDA recall affected

USA East Coast states. To date, the CNMI has been fortunate and is spared from the contaminated egg recall," Tagabuel told *Saipan Tribune*.

The official said that BEH office is closely monitoring FDA recall serve list to ensure that food product trace back investigation or verification is conducted on a timely basis.

"CNMI has no reported case of salmonella outbreak attributed to unwholesome egg consumption," added Tagabuel.

*Saipan Tribune* also received calls from customers complaining about some spoiled and damaged egg products they bought in retail stores.

But BEH believes that these are isolated cases and not related to the salmonella outbreak.

"As consumers, buyers are responsible to check food wholesomeness [smell, color, expiration date] before purchase. Most stores require that consumers/

customers return purchased item with receipt for refund or product replacement and exchange," explained Tagabuel.

The BEH official admitted that they received food complaints from the public and consumers are advised to retain or refrigerate food samples or bring the items to their office for verification/storage.

Tagabuel said there are procedures for complaints and their inspectors follow up food concern at stores and verify that reported items are compliant or noncompliant.

If noncompliant, Tagabuel said store supervisors are instructed to remove the product from shelves and inventory and their inspector issues written warning for removal, or writes for segregation product if it's in regards to quality due to expiration.

In the case of repeated violators, depending on severity and

volume of inventory in violation, the store may be placed on temporary suspension from normal operation until violations are rectified and temporary suspensions range from a couple hours to eight hours depending on volume of inventory needed to be removed.

"When a food item [processed, canned, raw] is implicated in food outbreaks from one or a cluster of cases, BEH will immediately launch food trace back investigation and will require the establishment to assist and prioritize their cooperation to clear the investigation. When noncompliant, the establishment may be suspended temporarily for the

duration of the investigation. However, if the establishment is cooperative to our investigator, it may be allowed to partially resume normal business until the investigation is completed," he added.

Recent reports indicated that more than half a billion eggs have been recalled in the nationwide investigation of a salmonella outbreak since last week and expanded the list of places for the recalled products.

It was reported that the outbreak has already sickened more than 1,000 people and the toll of illnesses is expected to increase.

Federal officials confirmed last week that it's one of the

largest egg recalls in recent history.

It was learned that Americans consume about 220 million eggs a day, based on industry estimates. Iowa is the leading egg producing state. The most common symptoms of salmonella are diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever within eight hours to 72 hours of eating a contaminated product. It can be life-threatening, especially to those with weakened immune systems.

The form of salmonella tied to the outbreak can be passed from chickens that appear healthy. And it grows inside eggs, not just on the shell. **(With reports from AP)**

## Recession hits smart-phone makers in the chips

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The seemingly recession-proof smart phone is suffering from a side effect of the rough economy: Manufacturers simply can't build enough of the gadgets because chip-makers that rolled back production last year are now scrambling to play catch-up.

The chip shortage means Apple Inc.'s rivals are having trouble making enough phones to compete with the iPhone, a problem expected to persist through the holidays. It's also affecting wireless carriers, some of which are seeing delays in improving their networks, and it could even raise computer prices.

There isn't an across-the-board shortage of chips, but rather problems with certain components here and there. If just one of the 20 to 30 critical chips that go into a smart phone is unavailable, the whole pro-

duction line screeches to a halt.

Sprint Nextel Corp., for instance, couldn't satisfy demand for HTC Corp.'s EVO 4G, the first phone to use a faster "4G" network, in parts of the country. Motorola Inc. said shortages of a wide range of chips, from memory to camera sensors to touch-screen controllers, are contributing to problems supplying enough of the new Droid X phones to Verizon Wireless. The carrier's online store reports a two-week wait for shipping orders.

The chips that go into smart phones compete for production capacity with other chips at the gigantic factories run by contract manufacturers such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. and United Microelectronics Corp. Makers of a vast array of electronics, from TVs to data center switches, also depend on the factories.

The chip-making industry

had a tough start to 2009. February sales were only \$14.2 billion, down 30 percent from the year before, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association.

Although sales sprang back later in the year, manufacturers were spooked and reined in investment in chip factories. Capital spending plunged 41 percent to \$25.9 billion in 2009, after dropping 31 percent the year before, according to research firm Gartner Inc. Total chip production capacity shrank.

Now the factories are having trouble scaling up production fast enough. The chip factories, or "foundries," are running at 96 percent capacity, up from 56 percent at the depth of the recession, according to the SIA. "The semiconductor guys are really continuing to operate on all cylinders," said Linley Gwennap, president of research firm The Linley Group.



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Egg products displayed at San Jose Mart. The CNMI was spared from massive egg recall order after finding out that producer of the affected egg products did not dispense the items in the Commonwealth.

## Gov't: 23K workers affected by Gulf oil drill ban

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—A six-month ban on deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico would directly put more than 9,000 people out of work and indirectly affect another 14,000 jobs, according to a memo from the nation's top drilling regulator.

The federal document, which weighed the economic impact and alternatives to the ban, was sent to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on July 10 by Michael Bromwich.

Salazar issued a moratorium in June, but it was struck down by a federal judge in New Orleans after oil and gas drilling interests said it wasn't justified following the Gulf oil spill.

The Obama administration issued a new moratorium July

12—two days after the memo—that stressed new evidence of safety concerns. The White House hopes the revised ban will pass muster with the courts.

The moratoriums were put in place following the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion April 20 that killed 11 people. Millions of gallons of oil spilled into the Gulf after the rig sank.

Some energy experts, engineering consultants and Gulf Coast leaders have joined Big Oil to ask Salazar to change his mind. Drilling was safe before the BP spill, they said, and Gulf communities that depend on the industry were suffering unfairly.

Interior Department spokesman Matt Lee-Ashley said the agency has been very clear

that the economic impacts of the moratorium would need to be addressed and noted the Obama administration secured an agreement with BP to set up a \$100 million fund for affected rig workers.

"In light of the current risks of deepwater drilling as illustrated by the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and the potential impacts of another spill, the moratorium is necessary and appropriate. With that said, the worst-case economic impact estimates from three months ago have not been realized. The reality on the ground suggests that the impacts are less than we initially projected as a potential worst-case scenario," Lee-Ashley said.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Stocks slide as investors' malaise continues

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Stocks closed moderately lower Friday as investors' pessimistic view of the economy deepened. There was little reason for investors to buy. There were no reports to offset Thursday's disappointing news that growth in the domestic economy continues to slow. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 57 points a day after falling 144. The other major indexes also fell moderately. "We're not seeing any significant growth prospects," said Peter Costa, president of Empire Executions. "Why be in the market if there's no (near-term) prospects for growth?" Oil prices fell again on worries that future demand will wane if economic growth remains tepid.

Energy stocks were among the worst performers, including oil companies Chevron Corp. and ConocoPhillips. Overseas markets also fell, reacting to reports Thursday that initial claims for unemployment benefits in the U.S. rose last week and that manufacturing in the Mid-Atlantic region shrank.

#### Regulators shut down big Chicago bank, 7 others

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Regulators on Friday shut down a big community bank based in Chicago that has been known for its social activism but racked by financial troubles in recent months. A consortium funded by several of the biggest U.S. financial firms is buying its assets and pledging to operate the new bank by the same principles. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took

over ShoreBank, with \$2.16 billion in assets and \$1.54 billion in deposits. Urban Partnership Bank, the newly chartered financial institution, agreed to assume ShoreBank's deposits and nearly all its assets. The FDIC also seized seven other banks Friday, bringing to 118 the number of U.S. bank failures this year amid the recession and mounting loan defaults. In an unusual move, the FDIC allowed some of ShoreBank's executives to continue running the restructured bank. Executives who joined ShoreBank recently, as the bank struggled to raise capital, will manage Urban Partnership Bank. These managers "did not contribute to the bank's problems," the FDIC said. The FDIC and Urban Partnership Bank also agreed to share losses on \$1.41 billion of ShoreBank's loans and other assets.



# Nation

# Mosque flap tests limits of US tolerance

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The word tolerance comes from the Latin “tolerare”—to bear. In our dictionaries, we define it as, among other things, the “freedom from bigotry or prejudice.”

Its meanings are almost as numerous as the people who express them, as recent entries in the visitor comment book at the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles suggest.

It means “to respect other races even if u hate them,” says one commenter, signed only as G. “Acceptance,” says another, Alejandra, adding, “To me, tolerance is tinged with the negative aspect of ‘putting up with’ someone or something, but not fully embracing it.”

As rancor swirls around the issue of whether a mosque and Islamic cultural center should be built two blocks from the New York site where the destroyed Twin Towers stood, Americans are being forced to examine just how tolerant they are—or are not.

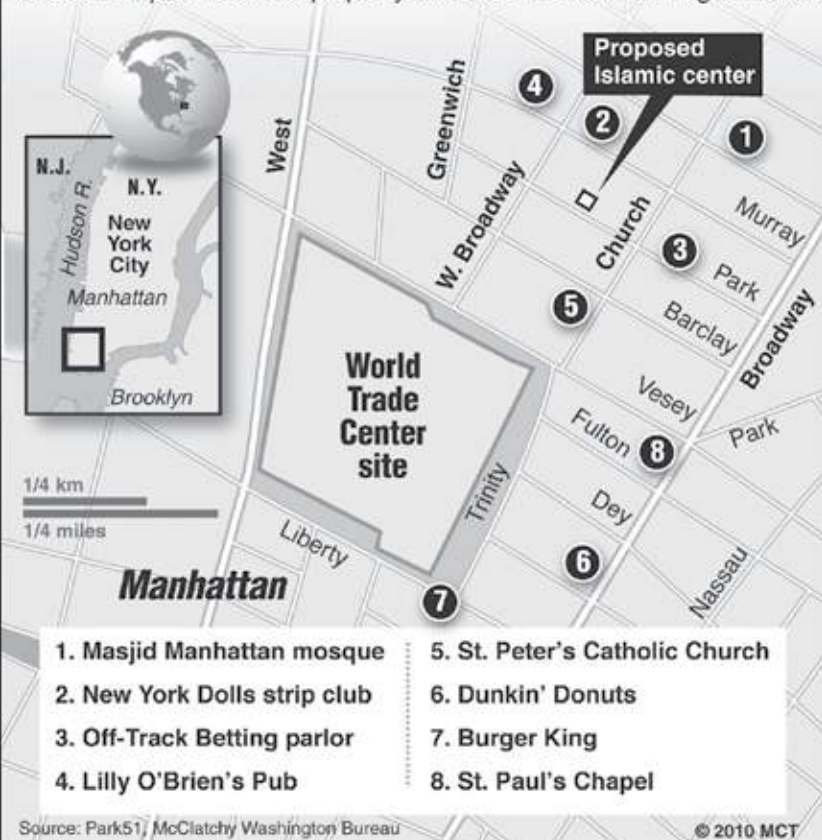
The issue has always been with us. Against the backdrop of Puritan rigidity and the infamous Salem witch trials, the Founding Fathers made sure the concept of tolerance was woven into the very fabric of the young American republic.

In 1790, in a letter welcoming newly elected President George Washington to Newport, R.I., on behalf of “the children of the stock of Abraham,” Moses Seixas reflected this view. “Deprived as we heretofore have been of the invaluable rights of free Citizens,” he wrote, he saw the hand of God in the establishment of a government “which to bigotry gives no sanction, to persecution no assistance.”

In reply, Washington assured the Jewish leader that the birth of the Unit-

## What’s around ground zero

A plan to build an Islamic center near the former World Trade Center has created an uproar about its propriety. A look at what is in the neighborhood:



ed States meant a new birth of freedom and respect.

“It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights,” he wrote. This would be a country, he pledged, where “every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid.”

If Washington’s promise remains part of the nation’s creed today, it’s still true that disputes like that involving the New York mosque test the limits of that tolerance.

“We were never as tolerant as we thought we were,” says the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. “I think that the rock on which tolerance is built is often more

like sandstone than it is granite. It is easy to erode at any times when problems in the culture develop.”

Despite the current imbroglio over the Manhattan mosque, the Rev. Patrick McCollum says he believes Americans are becoming more tolerant. His proof: The fact that his house hasn’t been firebombed in a while.

“There were people actually killed and such for having beliefs different than the dominant belief system,” says the San

Francisco man, a Wiccan minister in the “sacred path” tradition. “And that doesn’t happen as much anymore.”

McCollum, 60, has been involved in a seven-year federal court battle over California’s policy of employing as state chaplains only Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims and adherents to Native American religions. He attributes both his struggle and the Manhattan mosque fight to what he calls the “dominant religious lens factor.”

## Rural California county seeks bailout for hospital

**ALTURAS, Calif.** (AP)—Modoc County is wedged into California’s far northeastern corner, a land apart from much of the rest of the nation’s most populous state.

Little visited, the sparsely populated region of cave-riddled lava beds, sagebrush-covered plains and rolling ranch land has much in common with the rural areas of Oregon and Nevada that it adjoins.

Yet deep financial troubles tied to the county-owned hospital—the community’s sole medical facility—have led Modoc County to the steps of the state Capitol and to the threshold of bankruptcy. Approaching Sacramento, hat in hand, at a time when the state itself has profound budgetary problems has cast the county in the glare of unwanted attention.

The modest, one-story Modoc Medical Center and its adjacent nursing home were a source of pride when they opened in the mid-1950s, when the county still had operating timber mills, jobs on the railroad and a larger population.

But the facility has been bleeding money for more than 15 years, with annual deficits ranging from \$600,000 to \$2.8 million in recent years, and the county has gone broke trying to keep the doors open. Monica Derner, interim chief executive officer of the hospital, says the financial trouble stems from mistakes made in the hospital’s billing practices and a former administrator’s decision to hire costly traveling nurses and doctors instead of retaining local staff.

Some residents think the hospital’s problems are deeper than faulty systems or strategies.

“I hear nothing but horror stories coming out of there,” said Ruth Adams, 49, a cashier at the Four Corners Supermarket. “My thought is that the administration, whoever’s at the helm, is what needs to get fixed.”

The county has hired a bankruptcy attorney as it contemplates becoming just the fourth California city or county government in modern times to seek bankruptcy protection.

## Bear who mauled caretaker is put to death in Ohio

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (AP)—A bear that mauled to death a caretaker was euthanized Saturday at the request of the family of the victim, whose father said he had told his son to leave the job.

The bear attacked Brent Kandra, 24, when he opened its cage Thursday for a routine feeding at the home of a man who kept a menagerie of wolves, tigers and bears on the property southwest of Cleveland.

The owner, Sam Mazzola, who has drawn criticism from animal rights activists for letting people wrestle with one of his bears, had said Kandra’s family would decide the bear’s fate.

Kandra’s father, John, said he and his ex-wife, Deirdre Herbert, needed the bear to die. He also said his son felt

shortchanged by Mazzola when pay-day rolled around.

“It just seemed like Sam kind of took advantage of my son,” Kandra’s father said. “I told him a couple times, ‘I really wish you wouldn’t work for him.’”

Mazzola’s lawyer didn’t return a call seeking comment Saturday.

After the bear was put to death by a veterinarian, John Kandra recalled his son, a little blond boy who fished his way through childhood in the rivers of northeastern Ohio, baiting bullfrogs with a blade of grass and catching carp big enough to shame the tallest teller of fish tales.

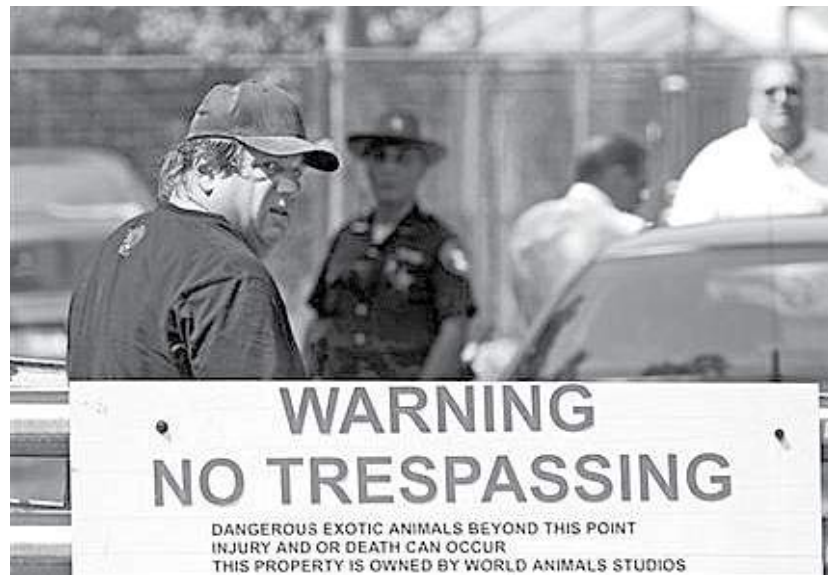
“I can’t think of when he wasn’t involved with animals,” Kandra said.

His son began fishing at age 4, reel-

ing in fish after fish and begging to cast his rod just one more time. He tried to bring home his biggest catches, where he always had animals—a pet snake, a turtle or a dog.

After Kandra died, his father paged through mementos of his son’s childhood, the fridge-worthy school assignments and other keepsakes a parent saves. He fixated on stories his son scribbled in elementary school: Brent catching a whale with a hook. Brent living among the bears in the woods.

“I figured by the time they were in their 30s and 40s they could go through it and see what they want to keep,” Kandra’s father said of his children. “He’s not going to be able to do that.”



Sam Mazzola, left, arrives at his exotic animal farm Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, in Columbus Station, Ohio, where a caretaker was mauled by a bear Thursday night.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Woman drowns after getting trapped in Ill. manhole

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill.** (AP)—A 23-year-old woman has drowned after getting trapped in an uncovered manhole during heavy rain in Illinois. Springfield police say the woman and a man were riding in a car Friday night and got stuck under an overpass where the road had flooded. Both got out of the car to start pushing, and the woman slipped into a manhole and underwater. She was submerged for about four minutes before

the man and a police officer were able to free her. Police Lt. Jim Henry says the woman died at the scene. Her name has not been released. Authorities say up to 1.4 inches of rain fell on parts of Springfield in less than two hours Friday.

#### Police swarm Arizona town after biker shootout

**CHINO VALLEY, Ariz.** (AP)—Dozens of Arizona law enforcement officers have flooded into a small Arizona community after an apparent shootout involv-

ing motorcycle gang members. Yavapai County sheriff’s spokesman Dwight D’Evelyn says four or five people were shot and injured Saturday. One was flown to a Phoenix-area hospital. Their conditions were not immediately known. No deaths were reported. An unknown number of people have been detained. Television images show several dozen men and a few women dressed in biker garb outside a rural home in the Chino Valley area with motorcycles parked alongside. Heavily armed law enforcement officers watched

over them. D’Evelyn says sheriff’s dispatchers started receiving calls about the shooting shortly after noon.

#### Wisconsin man accused of neglecting 178 cats

**FOND DU LAC, Wis.** (AP)—A Wisconsin man is accused of neglecting 178 cats and keeping dead kittens wrapped in foil in his refrigerator. Allan C. Roach faces 20 misdemeanor charges. He was charged earlier this week with 10 counts of failure to maintain adequate

sanitation for an animal, and 10 counts of failure to maintain adequate ventilation for an animal. The case dates back to June 2008 when the cats were found in a home Roach used to share with his brother in Fond du Lac. Prosecutors say they delayed charging Roach in part because they were short-staffed. The criminal complaint says many of the cats were missing patches of fur or were skinny. A telephone number for the 57-year-old Roach, now of Portage, could not be found Saturday.



## Asia

## Flooding submerges new towns in Pakistan's south

**SUKKUR, Pakistan (AP)**—About 150,000 Pakistanis were forced to move to higher ground as floodwaters from a freshly swollen Indus River submerged dozens more towns and villages in the south, a government spokesman said Saturday.

Officials expect the floodwaters will recede nationwide in the next few days as the last river torrents empty into the Arabian Sea. Survivors may find little left when they return home, however: The waters have washed away houses, roads, bridges and crops vital to livelihoods.

Already, 600,000 people are in relief camps set up in Sindh province during the flooding over the past month.

As the latest surge approached, “We evacuated more than 150,000 people from interior parts of Sindh in the past 24 hours,” said Jamil Soomro, a spokesman for the provincial government. The floods submerged new areas in Thatta district.

At a relief camp in the Sukkur area, some victims said it was difficult to get the food dropped off by relief trucks.

“I am a widow, and my children are too young to get food because of the chaos and rush,” said Parveen Roshan. “How can weak women win a fight with men to get food?”

Nearby, a doctor treated a boy whose back was injured after someone pushed him during a scramble for food at a truck.

The floods have affected about one-fifth of Pakistan's



A Pakistani girl flood victim carries drinking water across a damaged road at Baseera, Punjab Province, Pakistan on Saturday Aug. 21, 2010.

territory, straining its civilian government as it also struggles against al-Qaida and Taliban violence. At least 6 million people have been made homeless and 20 million affected overall. The

economic cost is expected to run into billions of dollars.

The United Nations has appealed for \$460 million in emergency assistance, and the U.S. has promised \$150 mil-

lion. Pakistan said it would even accept \$5 million in aid from India, its archrival.

The floods began in late July in the northwest of the country after exceptionally heavy mon-

soon rains, expanding rivers that have since swamped eastern Punjab province and Sindh province in the south.

A slew of aid groups have been trying to help the government in its relief effort by providing food, medicine, shelter and other crucial assistance. Poor weather and the destruc-

tion of roads and bridges have hindered the distribution.

The United Nations said it needs at least 40 more helicopters to reach the large number of people cut off by the flooding.

“We need more of these life-savers,” said the World Food Program's Pakistan country director, Wolfgang Herbinger.

## Pakistan's deluge

The floods in Pakistan — the country's worst humanitarian crisis according to relief agencies — have affected 14 million people and left at least 1,600 dead. How the floods compare to other natural disasters:

## Worst disasters in Pakistan

Top 10 since 1935

	Deaths
1935 Quetta earthquake	60,000
1945 Balochistan earthquake, which triggered a tsunami	4,000
1950 Floods; left about 900,000 people homeless	2,900
1970 East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) cyclone; deadliest recorded tropical cyclone	500,000
1974 Kohistan earthquake; affected nearly 100,000 people	5,300
2000 Drought; at least 1.2 million people affected	100+
2005 Kashmir quake; made 3.3 million homeless	73,000
2007 Cyclone Yemyin; about 1.5 million people affected	730
2010 Landslide caused Hunza River to dam, forcing 20,000 people from their homes	20
2010 Floods	1,600*

## Deadliest floods of the decade

Floods worldwide that caused the highest fatalities, 2000-2010

Haiti, 2004	2,665
Pakistan, 2010	1,600*
India, 2005	1,200
Bangladesh, 2007	1,110
India, 2007	1,103
India, 2008	1,063
India, 2009	992
Algeria, 2001	921
India, 2004	900
India, 2000	884

\*As of Aug. 13

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Source: IRIN, U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Center of Research of Epidemiology of Disasters

Graphic: Pat Carr

## ASIAN BRIEFS

## Rebels kill 8 RP police officers in ambush

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Communist rebels killed eight police officers in the central Philippines and took their weapons and uniforms in an ambush Saturday as they escalate attacks against security forces, police said. The New People's Army guerrillas killed a local council member in Northern Samar province's Catarman township then lay in wait for soldiers or police to respond, regional police commander Chief Superintendent Arnold Revilla said. They planted explosives and took up ambush positions on a road into the village. When a police truck carrying the officers passed by, the rebels set off a land mine then fired on the officers in the burning vehicle, killing all eight, Revilla said. The rebels seized seven pistols and four assault rifles from the slain officers, who were also stripped of their uniforms, he said.

## Officials: US drones kill 6 in northwest Pakistan

**MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP)**—Suspected U.S. missiles fired from an unmanned drone killed six militants Saturday in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border, officials said. Missiles struck two vehicles in Anghar Kala village near Miran Shah in North Waziristan—the

second such attack since massive floods hit Pakistan in late July. The officials said some of the dead militants may be foreigners. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information to the media. The tribal region is a haven for various Islamist militant groups. The main organization operating there is the Haqqani network, which focuses on attacking U.S. and NATO troops across border in Afghanistan.

## Report: 15 die from homemade alcohol in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)**—At least 15 people have died after drinking toxic home-brewed liquor in northeastern Bangladesh. The United News of Bangladesh agency reported Saturday they consumed alcohol mixed with toxic methanol in the Sylhet district late Wednesday. The area is 120 miles (190 kilometers) northeast of the capital Dhaka. Local officials are quoted as saying two died Friday and the others Saturday in hospitals. Many impoverished people drink illegally brewed liquor that is often spiked with toxic chemicals to increase its potency in Bangladesh. The Muslim-majority country is a conservative nation and alcohol is not easy to get. Officials could not be reached for comment Saturday.

## Rains batter China anew; 50,000 evacuated in flood

**BEIJING (AP)**—Swelled by torrential rains, the Yalu river that marks the Chinese-North Korean border breached its banks on both sides Saturday, inundating communities and forcing the evacuation of more than 50,000 people in China.

Flood waters punctured a dike between the river and an economic development zone in a low-lying part of the Chinese port city of Dandong, Chinese state media reported. The rain and flooding cut rail service out of the city, destroyed more than

200 houses and left at least three people missing, in addition to the 51,000 evacuated to higher ground, local officials said.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said that about a foot (30 centimeters) of rain had fallen since midnight and the Yalu—or Amnok as its known in Korean—swamped houses, public buildings and farmland in more than five villages near Sinuiju, the city opposite Dandong.

The brief report described Sinuiju and the surrounding area

as having been “severely affected” by the flooding and said officials, the military and ordinary civilians were involved in rescue work.

Much of North Korea's trade with the world passes through Sinuiju, forming a vital lifeline for the isolated, economically struggling country. Flooding in previous years has destroyed crops and pushed North Korea deeper into poverty, increasing its dependence on international food aid.

For China, the Dandong flood-

ing is the latest disaster in the country's worst flood season in over a decade. Landslides caused by heavy rains have smothered communities in western China and accounted for most of the more than 2,500 people killed.

Emergency crews recovered more bodies Saturday from the landslide that crushed the southwestern town of Puladi, nearly doubling the death toll from Wednesday's disaster to 23 with 69 others still missing, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

## Australian PM says elections too close to call

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)**—It could take more than a week to learn who will govern Australia after a cliffhanger election—the closest in nearly 50 years—and the winner may have to woo the support of a handful of independent lawmakers in order to assume power.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Australia's first female prime minister who seized power in an internal Labor Party coup only

two months ago, said Saturday she will remain the nation's caretaker leader during the “anxious days ahead” as vote-counting continues.

The Australian Electoral Commission website said early Sunday that center-left Labor and the conservative Liberal Party-led coalition each had 71 seats, meaning neither could achieve the 76-seat majority.

“Obviously this is too close

to call,” Gillard told party faithful who gathered Saturday in her hometown Melbourne in the hope of hearing a victory speech. “We will continue to fight to form government in this country.”

Liberal leader Tony Abbott said he would immediately begin negotiations with independents to form a government.

“We stand ready to govern and we stand ready to offer the Australian people stable, pre-

dictable and competent government,” Abbott told supporters at Liberal campaign headquarters in Sydney.

Pundits said Australia's major foreign policy positions, including its deployment of 1,550 troops to Afghanistan, would be unaffected by whichever party wins because both hold similar views. Domestic issues vary across the large and diverse country, including hot topics such as asylum seekers, health care and climate change.



## World

## Iran starts nuclear reactor, says intent peaceful

**BUSHEHR, Iran (AP)**—Trucks rumbled into Iran's first reactor Saturday to begin loading tons of uranium fuel in a long-delayed startup touted by officials as both a symbol of the country's peaceful intentions to produce nuclear energy as well as a triumph over Western pressure to rein in its nuclear ambitions.

The Russian-built Bushehr nuclear power plant will be internationally supervised, including a pledge by Russia to safeguard it against materials being diverted for any possible use in creating nuclear weapons. Iran's agreement to allow the oversight was a rare compromise by the Islamic state over its atomic program.

Western powers have cautiously accepted the deal as a way to keep spent nuclear fuel from crossing over to any military use. They say it illustrates their primary struggle: to block

The reactor building of the Bushehr nuclear power plant is seen, just outside the southern city of Bushehr, Iran, Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010.

Iran's drive to create material that could be used for nuclear weapons and not its pursuit of peaceful nuclear power.

Iran has long declared it has a right like other nations to produce nuclear energy. The country's nuclear chief described the startup as a "symbol of Iranian resistance and patience."

"Despite all pressure, sanctions and hardships imposed by Western nations, we are now witnessing the startup of the largest symbol of Iran's peaceful nuclear activities," Ali Akbar Salehi told reporters inside the plant with its cream-colored dome overlooking the Persian Gulf in southern Iran.

In several significant ways, the Bushehr plant stands apart



from the showdowns over Iranian uranium enrichment, a process that can be used both to produce nuclear energy or nuclear weapons. It also could

offer a possible test run for proposals to ease the impasse.

The Russian agreement to control the supply of nuclear fuel at Bushehr eased opposition by Washington and allies. Bushehr's operations are not covered by U.N. sanctions imposed after Iran refused to stop uranium enrichment. And last

week, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the Russian oversight at Bushehr is the "very model" offered Tehran under a U.N.-drafted plan unveiled last year.

That proposal—so far snubbed by Iran—called for Iran to halt uranium enrichment and get its supplies of reactor-

ready material from abroad.

Western leaders fear Iran's enrichment labs could one day churn out weapons-grade material. Iran claims it has no interest in nuclear arms, but refuses to give up the right to make its own fuel.

Iran has some of the world's biggest oil reserves, but lacks refinery capacity to meet domestic demand and must repurchase fuel on international markets. Nuclear power is seen as both a goal to meet power needs and an important technological achievement for the Islamic government.

The French Foreign Ministry said the Russian deal shows Iran does not need to enrich uranium to benefit from civilian nuclear power.

"This clearly shows that the sanctions do not aim to deprive Iran of its right to develop nuclear energy for peaceful uses," said the French statement.

In London, a Foreign Office junior minister, Alistair Burt, said the loading of Russian fuel at Bushehr "demonstrates that Iran can have the benefits of nuclear power."

## Sweden withdraws warrant for WikiLeaks founder

**STOCKHOLM (AP)**—Swedish authorities revoked a short-lived arrest warrant for the founder of WikiLeaks on Saturday, saying a rape accusation against him lacked substance.

Julian Assange, who was believed to be in Sweden, remained under suspicion of a lesser crime of molestation in a separate case, prosecutors said.

The nomadic 39-year-old Australian dismissed the allegations in a statement on WikiLeaks' Twitter page, saying "the charges are without basis and their issue at this moment is deeply disturbing."

WikiLeaks is preparing to release of a fresh batch of classified U.S. documents from the

Afghan war, despite warnings from the Pentagon that they could endanger American soldiers and their Afghan helpers.

A Stockholm prosecutor issued the arrest warrant on Friday, saying Assange was suspected of rape and molestation in two separate cases. But chief prosecutor Eva Finne withdrew the warrant within 24 hours.

"I don't think there is reason to suspect that he has committed rape," Finne said in a brief statement.

Karin Rosander, a spokeswoman for the Swedish Prosecution Authority, said Assange remains suspected of molestation, a less serious charge that would not lead to

an arrest warrant.

"The prosecutor hasn't made a decision" on that count, Rosander told The Associated Press. "The investigation continues."

Molestation covers a wide of range of offenses under Swedish law, including inappropriate physical contact with another adult, and can result in fines or up to one year in prison.

Assange was in Sweden last week seeking legal protection for the whistle-blower website, which angered the Obama administration by publishing thousands of leaked documents about U.S. military activities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

on a trip expected to last a year or more, her manager, Peter Klarenbeek, said. The attempt has been criticized by Dutch child protection authorities, who questioned the wisdom of a child risking the world's oceans alone. Dekker's departure itself was kept a secret from international media, who descended on Portugal but failed to capture images of it.

## Somalia rebels looking increasingly like Taliban

**MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)**—Men are forced to grow beards. Women can't leave home without a male relative. Music, movies and watching sports on TV are banned. Limbs are chopped off as punishment, and executions by stoning have become a public spectacle. Somalia is looking more and more like Afghanistan under the Taliban—two rugged countries 2,000 miles apart, each lacking a central government, each with a hard-line Islamist militia that cows the public into submission. Al-Shabab in Somalia and the Taliban in Afghanistan—their tactics increasingly mirror each other. Those tactics worked for the Taliban until the U.S. invasion overthrew it in 2001, and now they are making a comeback. Meanwhile, al-Shabab has gained control over large swaths of this arid Horn of Africa country.

## Haiti ruling ends Wyclef Jean's run for president

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**—In the span of a few weeks, hip-hop star Wyclef Jean turned the world's attention to a little-known political race in a small, impoverished Caribbean country—with little campaigning, no TV ads and zero debates.

Within a few seconds at a hastily called news conference Friday night, Jean was barred from running for president in Haiti, presumably because he didn't meet the residency requirements.

The 40-year-old singer-songwriter says he will stay involved, though in "a different role than I had anticipated it to be," according to his statement Friday.

But the question is, how? Will he support one of the 19 candidates on the ballot? And will he help with the reconstruction of

the earthquake-torn country?

Jean said little Saturday as he attended a church service in Croix des Bouquets, the small town northeast of Port-au-Prince where he was born. He was preparing to fly back to the United States where his wife and daughter live later in the day.

"It's been a hard couple of weeks," he told The Associated Press. "Right now, I just want to go with my family and relax."

Jean said he believed that he had filed the necessary paperwork regarding his residency, adding, "Somehow we got overruled."

Haiti's electoral council did not say why it had disqualified Jean, but the singer had faced a challenge to his candidacy because he has not lived in

Haiti for the past five years as required.

Jean's five-paragraph statement Friday said he disagreed with the council's ruling but "respectfully" accepted its decision.

"I want to assure my countrymen that I will continue to work for Haiti's renewal; though the board has determined that I am not a resident of Haiti, home is where the heart is - and my heart has and will always be in Haiti," he wrote.

The winner of the November vote will take charge of recovery from the Jan. 12 earthquake, coordinating billions of aid dollars in a country with a history of political turmoil and corruption. The quake killed an estimated 300,000 people and left the capital, Port-au-Prince, in ruins.

## Gunmen fighting Rio police invade luxury hotel

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)**—Heavily armed drug gang members engaged in an intense fire-fight with police, then fled into a luxury hotel popular with foreign tourists and held about 30 people hostage for three hours Saturday before surrendering.

The upscale, beachside neighborhood of Sao Conrado where the Intercontinental Hotel sits was transformed into a war zone as upward of 50 gunmen with high-caliber rifles, pistols and even hand grenades faced off with police.

A police spokeswoman said the gunbattle began when police spotted about 10 cars and vans leaving the Vidigal slum heading toward the nearby

Rocinha slum, one of Latin America's largest.

Both shantytowns are controlled by the Amigos dos Amigos (Friends of Friends) drug gang, and the spokeswoman said the gang members were leaving an all-night party in Vidigal when they ran into the police patrol and began shooting.

Bullets flew for about 40 minutes, terrifying residents of Sao Conrado, which contains a road linking the two slums. Most of the gunmen fled into Rocinha, but 10 ran into the Intercontinental where they quickly grabbed hostages and holed up in the hotel's kitchen.

Spent casings littered the streets around the hotel. One

woman was killed, and four bystanders and three policeman were wounded.

Police said initially that the dead woman was an innocent bystander, but later said she was with the gunmen and had a warrant out for her arrest for alleged drug gang involvement.

"It seemed as if I was in Iraq," neighborhood resident Jose Oliveira e Silva told the Globo television network.

Amateur video aired on Globo showed a group of black-clad police taking heavy fire and returning it from behind a garbage truck. Sanitation workers in bright orange jumpsuits also huddled behind the truck, waiting for the onslaught to end.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## 1 dead in Mexico shootout on border with El Paso

**CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)**—A gunbattle erupted between Mexican police and gunmen near the Rio Grande on Saturday, killing one person and prompting U.S. authorities to close a highway that runs along the border in El Paso, Texas. There were no reports of bullets crossing into the U.S. side, El Paso police Detective Mike Baranyay said. The gunmen attacked a municipal police patrol on a boulevard in Ciudad Juarez next to the border river, said Ramon Salinas, a spokesman for Mexico's federal police. The fighting escalated when federal police rushed to help, he said. One gunman was killed and three municipal police officers were wounded.

## Dutch teen sets sail in secrecy on solo world trip

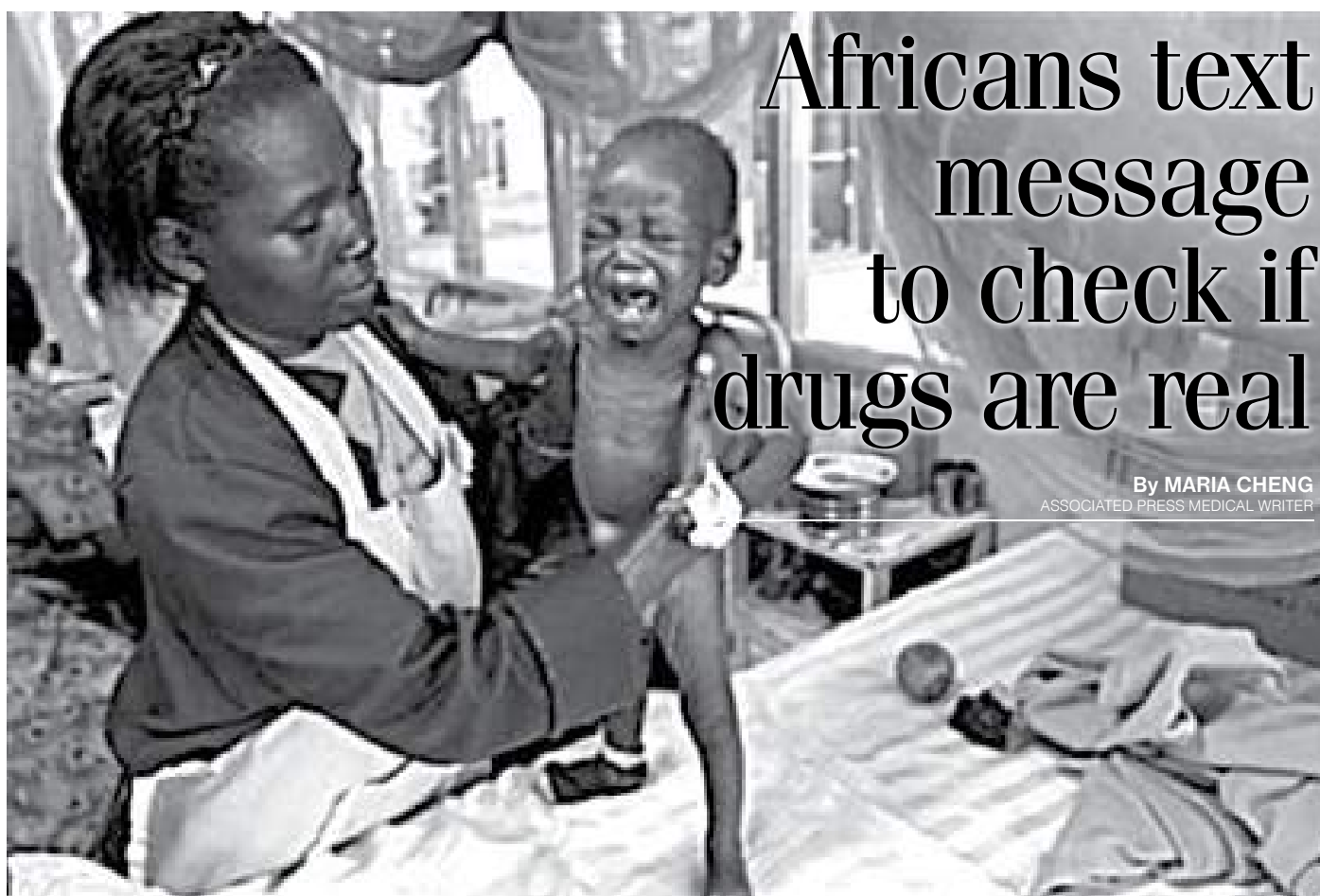
**PORTIMAO, Portugal (AP)**—A 14-year-old Dutch sailor departed in secrecy from Gibraltar Saturday on her quest to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world—avoiding the media because, her manager said, she didn't want the attention. Laura Dekker was in good spirits as she started sailing her 38-foot (11.5-meter) ship "Guppy" from the British territory bordering the southwestern tip of Spain,



# Health & Fitness

## Africans text message to check if drugs are real

By MARIA CHENG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS MEDICAL WRITER



In this Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 picture a caretaker looks after a baby girl in the Siaya hospital in Western Kenya.

**LONDON (AP)**—For Africans wondering whether the malaria drugs they've bought are real, there may soon be a quick way of finding out: sending a text message.

Across the continent, more than 30 percent of malaria medicines are estimated to be fake, and many look identical to the real thing.

A new project called mPedigree lets consumers send in a code via text message that lets them check if their drugs are genuine. It was recently adopted in Nigeria, with plans for wider use elsewhere in Africa. Last month, the Nigerian government decided to introduce the technology for all medicines in the future, not just anti-malarials.

Ghanaian entrepreneur Bright Simons developed the mPedigree system; its technolo-

gy and security infrastructure is now being provided by Hewlett Packard. The system assigns a unique code to genuine malaria medicines, printed on the back of medicine blister packs under a sheet that is scratched off like a lottery ticket.

Customers send a text message to a central hot line with the code and instantly get an "OK" response telling them if the drug is registered and thus real. It

also sends them additional information like the drug's manufacturer and expiration date.

If the drug isn't registered and potentially fake, people receive a text message that says "No. Please recheck code." The system is free for consumers and is paid for by pharmaceutical companies and governments.

Health officials say the innovative system could help Africa curb the tide of fake drugs and potentially save hundreds of thousands of lives. Experts think about 700,000 people die from malaria or tuberculosis every year after taking counterfeit drugs, with some containing little more than sawdust, baby powder and water.

In addition, fake medicines speed up drug resistance. If a drug contains some but not enough of the active ingredient, it won't kill the disease's virus or bacteria, but gives it a chance to mutate into a deadlier form instead.

Knowing the drugs are real may also persuade more Africans to take them in the first place, saving even more lives.

### ON THE NET

■ <http://www.mpedigree.net>

## Tai chi eases fibromyalgia symptoms, study finds

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

Tai chi eased painful joints and other symptoms of fibromyalgia in a small but well-done study of this ancient Chinese form of exercise.

Tai chi (ty-CHEE) combines meditation with slow, gentle movements, deep breathing and relaxation. It can improve muscle strength, balance, sleep, coordination and, some evidence suggests, fibromyalgia.

Symptoms of the illness include fatigue, body pain, and tender points in joints, muscles and other soft tissues. It is most

common in middle-aged women. Its cause is unknown, and the lack of obvious signs or definitive tests has led some doctors to question whether it is a physical or psychological problem.

The study led by Dr. Chenchen Wang at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston involved

### ON THE NET

■ Journal: <http://www.nejm.org>  
■ Tai chi: <http://nccam.nih.gov/health/taichi/>  
■ Fibromyalgia: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/fibromyalgia.html>

66 fibromyalgia patients assigned to try either tai chi or wellness education and stretching exercises twice a week for 12 weeks.

Symptoms improved significantly for the tai chi group and little for the others, as measured by a commonly used questionnaire. Improvements were seen in pain, mood, quality of life, sleep and

exercise capacity, and remained at 24 weeks after the study's start.

The results are in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

In an editorial, two doctors and an Oriental medicine specialist from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston called the results "provocative" and "striking," but said that it's unclear how much of the benefit is due to a placebo effect. The results need to be repeated in a larger study, they conclude.

The study's main sponsor was the government's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Several authors have received federal grants for mind-body research and one has financial ties to companies that make drugs to treat fibromyalgia.

### Personal Trainer

## Runners' most common injuries

A sports clinic's survey of more than 2,000 patients sheds new light on how runners get hurt:

### No. 1 running injury

• Patellofemoral pain syndrome, or chondromalacia

Kneecap pain when walking up or down stairs, squatting or moving knee after sitting for long period

### Next most common

**a** Iliotibial band friction syndrome (pain on side of knee caused by overuse)

**b** Plantar fasciitis (sharp pain in sole of foot)

**c** Meniscal knee injuries (damaged cartilage in knee joint)

**d** Tibial stress syndrome, or shin splints (pain on front of shinbone, caused by overuse)

Source: British Journal of Sports Medicine, Allan McGavin Sports Medicine Centre (Vancouver, Canada), National Heart, U.S. Blood and Lung Institute  
Graphic: Paul Trap

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# Life & Style

## '48 Hours' correspondent Harold Dow dies at 62

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Emmy-winning CBS News correspondent Harold Dow, who helped shape the documentary program "48 Hours" and covered the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst and the Sept. 11 attacks, has died. He was 62.

Dow died suddenly Saturday morning in New Jersey, network spokeswoman Louise Bashi said. He lived in Upper Saddle River, N.J., but it wasn't immediately clear if

he'd been at home.

Dow had been a correspondent for "48 Hours" since 1990. His nearly 40 years with the network also included reporting for "CBS Evening News with Dan Rather" and "CBS News Sunday Morning."

A "48 Hours" report on run-arounds earned him a George Foster Peabody Award. He also won five Emmys, for work including coverage of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103

over Lockerbie, Scotland, and of American troops' movement into Bosnia in 1996.

"Insatiably curious, he was happiest when he was on the road deep into a story," Susan Zirinsky, executive producer of "48 Hours Mystery," said in a statement. "It was his humanity, which was felt by everyone he encountered, even in his toughest interviews, that truly defined the greatness of his work. He



was the most selfless man I have known."

Dow landed an exclusive interview with kidnapping victim Hearst in December 1976, and he had the first network interview with O.J. Simpson following the 1994 killing of his ex-wife. He barely escaped one of the falling twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001, the network said.

Dow was a contributor to "48 Hours on Crack Street," the 1986 documentary that led

to the creation of the weekly "48 Hours." Before that, he had been a co-anchor on "CBS News Nightwatch" and a correspondent and reporter at the CBS News Los Angeles bureau. He started his career with the network as a broadcast associate in 1972.

As a co-anchor and talk-show host for KETV in Omaha, Neb., he was the first African-American television reporter in that city.

In this undated file photo released by CBS shows Harold Dow of 48 Hours. AP

## Moving sale planned at 'Amityville Horror' house



In this photo provided by Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty, the house made famous in the 1979 film "The Amityville Horror" is shown in this May 20, 2010 file photo taken in Amityville, N.Y.. AP

**AMITYVILLE, N.Y. (AP)**—The owner of the New York house made famous in the 1979 film "The Amityville Horror" is holding a moving sale.

The five-bedroom Dutch Colonial on Long Island has been on the market since May for \$1.15 million and is under contract.

Owner Brian Wilson is holding a moving sale Saturday. Items include furniture and exercise equipment, not loot from the house's infamous past.

The Oscar-nominated film is based on the story of the Lutz family's brief stay in the house in 1975 after six members of the De-

Feo family were shot and killed as they slept. Oldest son Ronald DeFeo Jr. was convicted.

The crime spawned a book and a series of movies that chronicled various supernatural horrors, including visions of walls oozing slime and moving furniture.

## Man jumps to death onto stage at Calif concert

**SARATOGA, Calif. (AP)**—A 32-year-old man jumped at least 20 feet to his death onto the stage of a Northern California concert in front of hundreds of horrified music fans, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office said Friday.

The Swell Season was playing an outdoor show at the Mountain Winery in Saratoga in front of a crowd of about 1,900 when Michael Edward Pickels of San Jose jumped Thursday night.

Authorities are treating Pickels' death as a suicide, sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Rick Sung said.

Sung said the man left a friend in the audience around 10 p.m.

and soon appeared on a roof that covers the stage. Witnesses say he jumped off the roof and landed on stage near the band's lead singer, Glen Hansard.

Witnesses said Hansard removed his guitar and walked over to the man's body.

The jumper was pronounced dead by a doctor in attendance who spent an hour trying to revive him.

The band extended its sympathies in a MySpace post Friday. "Our hearts go out to the victim who decided to take his own life at last night's gig ... and to his friends and family," the statement said.

Hansard and singer-songwrit-

er Marketa Irglova are known in part for the alt-rock band's role in the 2006 movie "Once." The group wrote and performed the movie's theme song, "Falling Slowly," which won the Academy Award for best original song. Promoter Live Nation said it would not change its concert schedule.

"We have ample security in place and trained safety staff at every concert and we are committed to ensuring the safety of all who come to Mountain Winery," the group said in a statement. "At the same time, we are working with the local authorities in investigating this tragic incident."

## Judge rejects Fisk deal to sell O'Keeffe share

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—A Nashville judge has rejected Fisk University's proposal to sell a joint share in a 101-piece collection donated by late artist Georgia O'Keeffe to an Arkansas museum.

Fisk argued that its precarious financial state prevents the his-

torically black university from maintaining and displaying the collection.

Judge Ellen Hobbs Lyle agreed Friday that the cash-strapped school is unable to exhibit the collection.

But Lyle said the Fisk proposal to sell a 50 percent stake

in the collection to the Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Ark., for \$30 million does not meet the terms of the donation O'Keeffe made to the school in 1949.

Lyle ordered the state attorney general to offer a "Nashville-based solution" within 20 days.

## Egyptian minister: Search still on for van Gogh

**CAIRO (AP)**—Egypt's culture minister on Saturday retracted his claim that police had recovered a van Gogh painting stolen from a Cairo museum, saying it was based on inaccurate information and that the search for the canvas continues.

The minister, Farouk Hosni, said earlier Saturday that police had confiscated the painting from an Italian couple at Cairo airport hours after it was lifted from the Mahmoud Khalil Museum in the Egyptian capital.

But Hosni later backtracked, telling a national television

news program that "the statement was based on information we received that was false and incorrect." He said authorities are still searching for the missing painting, which goes by two titles—"Poppy Flowers" and "Vase with Flowers." Hosni said the piece is valued at around \$50 million.

It was not clear what caused the confusion over the artwork's fate, and officials could not be immediately contacted to clarify.

This is the second time this painting by the Dutch-born

postimpressionist has been stolen from the Khalil museum. Thieves first made off with the canvas in 1978, before authorities recovered it two years later at an undisclosed location in Kuwait.

Officials have never fully revealed the details of that theft. When it was recovered, Egypt's then-interior minister said three Egyptians involved in the heist had been arrested and informed police where the canvas was hidden. Authorities never reported whether the thieves were charged or tried.

### DEATH and FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## †Jose Tenorio Villagomez

was called to his eternal rest on  
August 16, 2010 at the age of 62

**PREDECEASED BY:**

**1st Wife:** Romana Lizama Villagomez

**Parents:** Eugenio Cruz and Ana Tenorio Villagomez

**Parents-in-Law:** Henrick Mendiola and Joaquina Villagomez Lizama; Jose D. Martin

**Grandparents:** Jose San Nicolas and Maria Cruz Villagomez (paternal)  
Joaquin Torres and Juana Pangelinan Tenorio (maternal)

**Sister:** Frederica Villagomez Diaz

**Brothers:** Manuel Tenorio Dela Cruz and Herman Tenorio Villagomez

**Brothers and Sisters-in-Law:** Juan M. Diaz, Jose I. Torres, Ricardo P. Villagomez, Ignacio V. Lizama, Maria C. Dela Cruz, Amada K. Lizama

**Godparents:** Jesus V. Duenas and Juana N. Takai; Juan A. Sanchez

**SURVIVED BY:**

**Wife:** Jocylyn Martin Villagomez

**Children & Spouses:** Eugenio L. Villagomez & Theodosia K. Sanchez (children)  
Jackie V. and Henry T. King (Matua, Vaena, Henry Jr., Romana)  
Gena L. and Henry B. Mundo (Jose, Henry Jr., Wayne)  
Jose M. Villagomez, Jr., Sheila Marie S. Martin

**Sisters & Spouses:** Merced V. and Raphael M. Reyes; Bernadita V. Torres; Joaquina V. and Cornelio T. Castro; Agnes M. Villagomez

**Mother-in Law:** Herminia S. Martin

**Brothers and Sisters-in-Law & Spouses:** Antonine V. Lizama; Rafael V./Livia Lizama; Benita M. Lizama; Carmen L. Villagomez; Joaquin V./Chong U. Lizama; Lino V./Juana H. Lizama; Merced V. Lizama; Rita L./Jimmy Baylon; Joel S./Ella Martin; Joeven S./Gina S. Martin; Jose S./Thess G. Martin; Jeniffer S./Purissima Martin; Jayson S./Raquel S. Martin; Joselito S. Martin; Jonathan S. Martin

**Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.**

**On Saturday August 28, 2010, his remains will be taken from the Tinian Health Center at 7:00 a.m. to his residence at Marpo Valley for viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at San Jose Church, Tinian, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow.**

**Please join us in prayers,  
Thank you—Si Yu'us Ma'ase  
The Family**



# Betty White scores Emmy win for 'SNL' hosting gig



Ann-Margret poses in the press room with the award for outstanding guest actress in a drama series for "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010 in Los Angeles. AP

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—The Betty White phenomenon keeps getting bigger.

White won an Emmy Award for best guest actress in a comedy series for her turn as "Saturday Night Live" host. The honor came Saturday at the creative arts ceremony that is precursor to the main Aug. 29 Emmy show.

The trophy is the fifth prime-time Emmy received by the 88-year-old White, according to the TV academy. Her previous honors came for classic sitcoms including "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Golden Girls."

So far this year, besides the "SNL" gig, White made a splash with the new TV Land sitcom "Hot in Cleveland," scored with a clever Super Bowl commercial and played a mad librarian on ABC's sitcom "The Middle."

She did not attend Saturday's ceremony, which included presenters Jane Lynch of "Glee," Elizabeth Mitchell of "Lost" and Christina Hendricks of "Mad Men." Neil Patrick Harris was a presenter and winner, taking the trophy for best guest actor in a comedy series for

his appearance on "Glee." The guest acting trophies for drama series went to John Lithgow for "Dexter" and Ann-Margret for "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," which has won Emmy acting honors for six consecutive years.

Harris, who stars in "How I Met Your Mother," shared in another award. The Tony Awards show, which he hosted to critical acclaim, was recognized as best special class program.

The top network winner was HBO with 17 trophies, followed by ABC with 15 and Fox with nine. CBS, NBC and PBS each claimed seven. "The Pacific," HBO's World War II miniseries, captured a leading seven creative arts awards.

Four trophies went to "Disney Prep & Landing," an animated Christmas special. Other big winners, with three trophies each, were freshman sitcom "Modern Family," "Saturday Night Live" and "The 25th Anniversary Rock And Roll Hall of Fame Concert."

Randy Newman won a trophy for original music and lyrics for "When I'm Gone," written for

the departed series "Monk."

John Leverence, senior vice president of awards, received the Syd Cassyd Founders Award for his service to the TV academy.

The creative arts ceremony will air Friday on the E! channel. Next Sunday's 62nd annual prime-time Emmy ceremony, with Jimmy Fallon as host, will air live on NBC.

Other winners at the creative arts Emmys, which honor technical and other achievements, included:

■ **Host, reality or reality-competition series:** Jeff Probst, "Survivor," CBS.

■ **Voice-over performance:** Anne Hathaway, "The Simpsons: Once Upon a Time in Springfield," Fox.

■ **Reality program:** "Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution," ABC.

■ **Commercial:** "The Man Your Man Could Smell Like: Old Spice Body Wash."

■ **Animated Program:** "Disney Prep & Landing," ABC.

■ **Nonfiction series:** "The National Parks: America's Best Idea," PBS.

■ **Writing for a variety,**

**music or comedy series:** "The Colbert Report: 5076 (in Iraq)," Comedy Central.

■ **Music composition for a series (original dramatic score):** "24: 3 p.m.—4 p.m.," Fox.

■ **Music composition for a miniseries, movie or special:** "Temple Grandin," HBO.

■ **Choreography:** "So You Think You Can Dance," Fox.

■ **Casting for a drama series:** "Mad Men," AMC.

■ **Casting for a miniseries, movie or a special:** "The Pacific," HBO.

■ **Casting for a comedy series:** "Modern Family," ABC.

■ **Costumes for a miniseries, movie or a special:** "Return to Cranford (Masterpiece), Part 2," PBS.

■ **Costumes for a variety-music program or a musical (more than one award possible):** "Jimmy Kimmel Live: Episode 09-1266," ABC; "So You Think You Can Dance (Top 12 perform)," Fox; "Titan Maximum: Went to Party, Got Crabs," Cartoon Network.

■ **Costumes for a series:** "The Tudors: Episode No. 408," Showtime.

## Help Jimmy Fallon tweet a star onto the Emmy stage



**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Jimmy Fallon wants your tweet to be part of the Emmy Awards.

Fallon, who's hosting the ceremony on NBC, said Friday the public will be able to submit an introduction through Twitter for up to 15 Emmy presenters, or about

half the celebrities who will be handing out trophies.

He'll read the best tweet as each star comes on stage.

Starting Wednesday, a list of the presenters involved will be posted at NBC's website, along with a Twitter link to enter suggested introductions.

Previously announced presenters include nominees Matthew Morrison of "Glee" and Jon Hamm and January Jones of "Mad Men."

For example, Fallon said, he'll announce the chosen tweet, user name included: "(At)blah-blahblah says Jon Hamm is the hottest guy of all time. Here he is, Jon Hamm," NBC's "Late Night" host riffed.

The Emmys air live Sunday, Aug. 29, at 8 p.m. EDT, from the downtown Nokia Theatre.

The planned three-hour ceremony will be live at 5 p.m. PDT on the West Coast and repeated at its conclusion.

## Judge criticizes prosecution in Anna Nicole case

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A judge delivered a harsh assessment Friday of the evidence and charges against two doctors and a lawyer in the ongoing Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case.

The criticism came as Superior Court Judge Robert Perry reluctantly agreed to let jurors see a videotape of Smith on an awards show in a performance her former boyfriend Larry Birkhead testified was considered "loopy, wacky and crazy" by many people.

Perry said outside the jury's presence that he was concerned about the prosecution's case.

"It's the people's position that Anna Nicole was kept in a drugged state," Perry said. "They claim she was a pawn in the hands of her handlers and doctors who kept her in a drugged state to control her and her money."

The evidence so far does not support that, he said.

"I'm seeing a strong-willed person who ordered people around and was her own boss," Perry said.

Deputy District Attorney Renee Rose protested that she could understand the court's rulings if the case was going to be decided by a judge.

"But this is a case for a jury," she said.

Dr. Khristine Eroshevich, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor and Smith's boyfriend-lawyer Howard K. Stern have pleaded not guilty to prescribing to an addict as well as conspiring to provide excessive opiates and sedatives to the celebrity model. They are not charged with causing her 2007 overdose death in Florida.

The judge told Rose he saw the issues in the case as limited to whether Smith was an addict who was getting too many drugs and whether prescriptions were obtained under false names.

He said he was unable to

tell whether Smith's demeanor in the 2004 American Music Awards videotape was the result of drugs or her normal acting style at staged events. He pointed out that a second video given to him by the defense showed Smith making statements four days later that the appearance helped her career.

"She's fairly entertaining and at her voluptuous best," Perry said. "It is, in the court's view, a very strong representation of the Anna Nicole personality ... My question is, is any of this real?"

Perry went on to say, "The problem I have with this case is we have a very public figure .... We are a movie-watching, TV-watching nation. And as the defense has said, what we see on television is not always real."

When jurors returned to the courtroom, they were shown the AMA video as well as a pre-interview in which Smith touted her weight loss on a product she was promoting. In both segments, she waved her arms and was speaking with a slight slur.

Jurors also heard testimony from Birkhead, the father of Smith's daughter, who fought back tears when he described Smith's problems with seizures and other ailments.

He said she suffered a seizure the night before the AMA Awards and he had tried to convince her to cancel the appearance, but she refused.

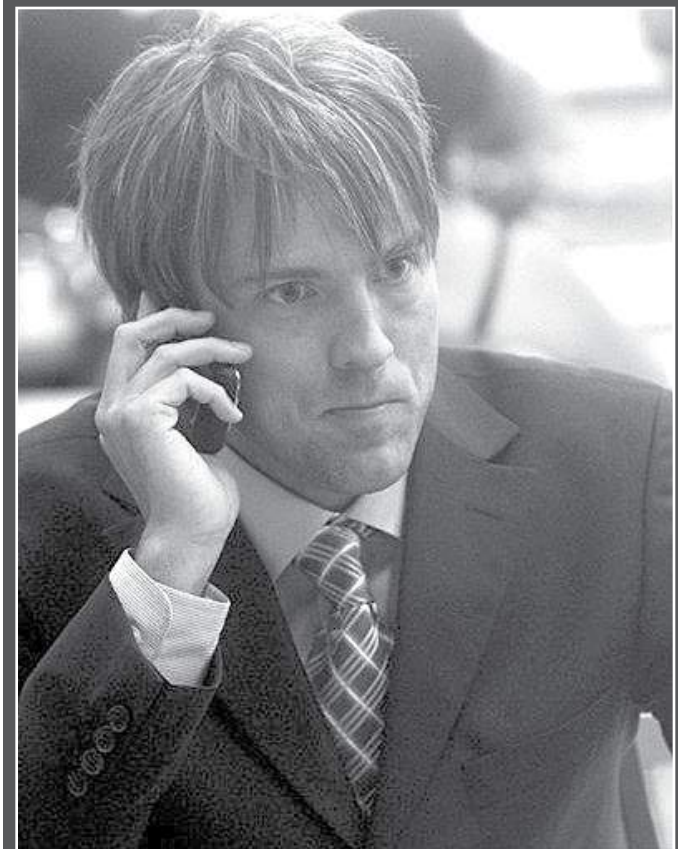
"She was headstrong and she wanted to do it," he said.

He acknowledged that during the pre-interview, "she came across as being really loopy."

"Did you feel she was affected in part by drugs?" Rose asked.

"Yes, in part," he said.

Birkhead became emotional as he described Smith's health issues.



Larry Birkhead talks on his cell phone at the Los Angeles Courthouse prior to taking the stand as a witness in the Anna Nicole Smith trial in Los Angeles on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010. AP

In this Aug. 2, 2010 photo, Jimmy Fallon attends the the world premiere of 'The Other Guys' at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York. AP



# Michelle Obama portrait debuts at Smithsonian

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Move over Martha Washington. Martha Stewart and Michelle Obama are getting space in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington for the first time.

A new exhibit, "Americans Now," opened Friday, featuring famous names from science, business, government and the arts.

President Barack Obama and the first lady are among those portrayed. It's the first time Michelle Obama's individual portrait has been shown at the gallery.

Familiar names in the col-

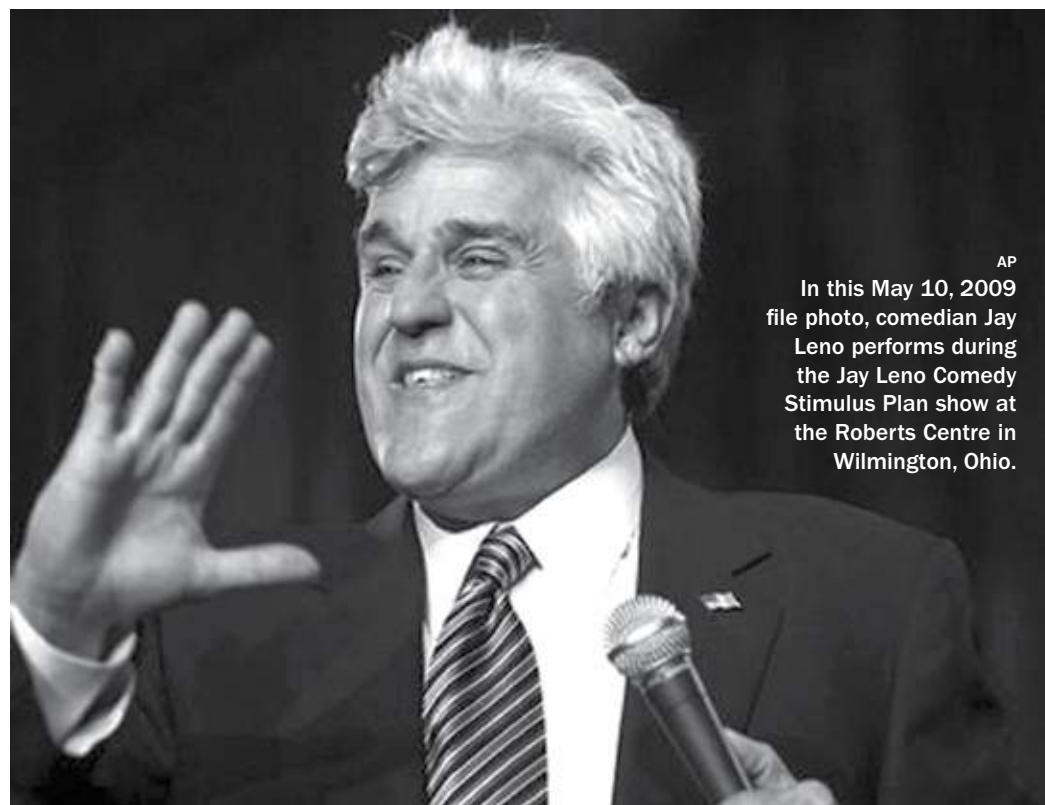
lection also include actor Tom Hanks and music artists Willie Nelson and LL Cool J. Video portraits in the exhibit feature late-night comedians Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien and David Letterman, as well as actor George Clooney and NBA star LeBron James.

The portraits are on view through July 2011.



This undated handout image provided by the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery shows a screenprint of first lady Michelle Obama by Mickalene Thomas.

## Jay Leno's Miss. coast show to benefit fishermen



AP  
In this May 10, 2009 file photo, comedian Jay Leno performs during the Jay Leno Comedy Stimulus Plan show at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio.

## O'Brien's spoken-word recording to debut on Sirius

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Sirius XM satellite radio will debut a spoken-word recording by Conan O'Brien in which he riffs on the legend of Frankenstein.

"And They Call Me Mad?" will play at noon EDT Monday, one day before its release, as part of Sirius XM's Raw Dog Comedy channel.

The 7-inch vinyl record's flip side features an interview with O'Brien by Jack White, whose Third Man Records is releasing it. White's label also is releasing "Conan O'Brien Live at Third

Man," recorded live in Nashville, Tenn., in June.

The records will be available at Third Man's website.

O'Brien has spent the summer on his "Legally Prohibited From Being Funny On Television Tour." The former "Tonight" host's new TBS show starts in November.

AP  
In this May 19, 2010 file photo, talk show host Conan O'Brien attends the TNT and TBS Upfront presentation in New York.



## Woody Allen interview praises Carla Bruni-Sarkozy

**ROME** (AP)—Woody Allen says in an interview that France's first lady, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, was very professional on the set of his movie "Midnight in Paris."

Allen told Italian daily Corriere della Sera in the interview published Saturday that working

with Bruni-Sarkozy was smooth and pleasant. The ex-supermodel was on set in July for her appearance in Allen's romantic comedy, which stars Owen Wilson and Marion Cotillard.

Corriere said Allen made the comments in a phone interview from Paris.

Allen says Bruni-Sarkozy plays a guide at the Rodin Museum and that she was so good he's going to keep all her scenes in, according to the newspaper. He said French President Nicolas Sarkozy came to the set one evening because he was curious to see his wife act.

## Woman's affair with sister's killer gives family a shock

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** A few weeks ago, I had to pick up my sister "Karyn" after a night out. When she called she told me I was going to "hate" her and not to judge her. The man she was with had been arrested for DUI. Abby, he is the same person who killed another one of my sisters in a drunk-driving accident years ago! Not only has Karyn been hanging out with him, it has been going on for months and she says it's serious.



*Dear Abby*

I am appalled with my sister's choice. I told Karyn she could choose him or me. I guess she chose him because we haven't spoken since. I thought we were very close before, but now that I know what she has been doing, I no longer want anything to do with her.

Am I overreacting, or should she be more concerned with how her decisions affect the rest of the family?

DISAPPOINTED IN NEW YORK

**DEAR DISAPPOINTED:** I don't think you're overreacting, and I don't blame you for being appalled. Your sister has involved herself with a serious alcoholic who, if he could control his addiction, would have dried out after he killed someone. At least for the time being, keep your distance. While there's no accounting for the affairs of the heart, I have a strong hunch Karyn is going to need all the support you and the family can give her as this romance follows its predictable path.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have a wonderful, loving, hard-working husband with one flaw. He is 24 years old and has literally spent 19 years of his life eating nothing but dairy, bread and pasta. We have been married more than two years, and he has only recently begun eating meat.

When I try to encourage him to try fruits or vegetables, he refuses and makes excuses. He'll even claim he is full and stop eating to avoid trying new things. I have managed cooking separately so far, but now we have an 18-month-old and I very worried that she will start imitating her father's poor eating habits. What can I do? I'm afraid for his health and for my daughter's future health.

TERRIBLY TIRED OF CHEESE IN IOWA

**DEAR TIRED OF CHEESE:** Visit your nearest bookstore and look for a cookbook for parents of children who are finicky eaters like your husband. One was written in the last few years by Jessica Seinfeld (Jerry's wife), which details how to "sneak" healthy ingredients into broths and spaghetti sauces so they get their vitamins. That way you can feed your child and your spouse meals they will accept while providing proper nourishment -- and they'll be none the wiser.

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**DEAR ABBY:** May I share with you and your readers some information that was provided to me by a fireman? It concerns senior citizens.

If seniors don't have an emergency alert device, they should take their car keys to bed with them and place them on their nightstand. The little red "panic" button can be used to start the horn of their car in an emergency. The neighbors will hear the horn and help them.

RICK IN SCOTTSDALE

**DEAR RICK:** That's not a bad suggestion -- but first, forewarn the neighbors that if your car alarm goes off, it may indicate that you're in trouble. In my city, car alarms go off so frequently that people often assume it's a malfunction and ignore it.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby—Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)



Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



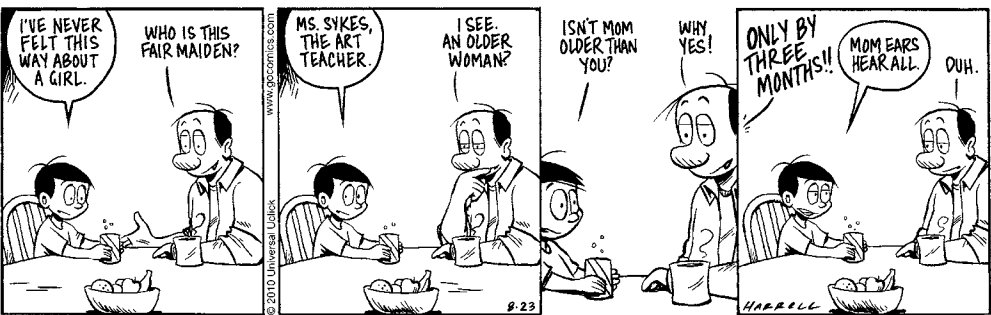
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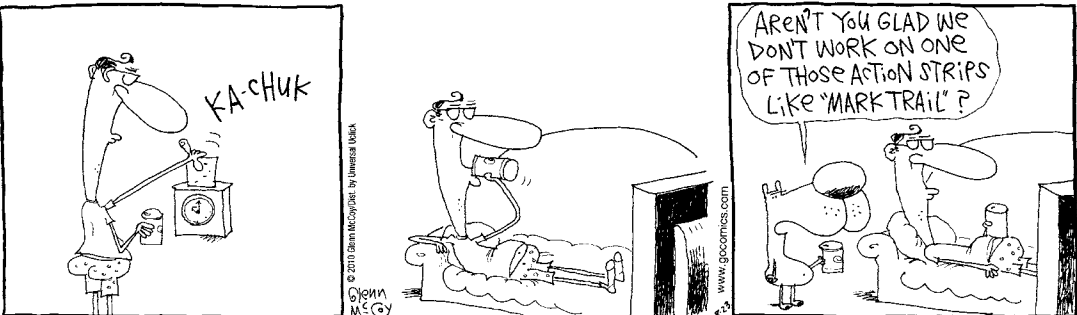
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**ACROSS**

39 "Krazy —"

1 Potato

5 "Golly!"

8 Unkempt one

12 Gaelic language

13 E. Coast ocean

14 Spanish hors d'oeuvre

15 Cry

16 Subtract

18 Evergreen type

20 Marble cake patterns

21 Light-weight pith helmet

23 Before

24 Grasp

28 Break suddenly

31 Eggs

32 Wicker-work willow

34 Book-keeper (Abbr.)

35 Longings

37 Pay attention

**DOWN**

11 Howls at the moon

1 Stitches

2 Get ready, for short

3 Addict

4 Appoint as one's agent

5 Fence feature

6 Greek vowel

7 B.P.O.E. members

8 Flight between floors

9 Noted WWI British officer

10 October birth-stone

42 Slightly

43 Sitarist Shankar

44 Eager

46 Present

47 A Great Lake

48 Tear in two

50 Historic time

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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Saturday's answer 8-23

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Scott Caan, 34; Jay Mohr, 40; Shelley Long, 61; Barbara Eden, 76

**Happy Birthday:** The opportunity to make more money and to sort out your professional life and direction is apparent. Invest in your skill, talent and originality. You don't have to make a big splash. Simply inject perfection, moderation and simplicity into the mix, no matter what you do personally or professionally. Your numbers are 3, 11, 13, 27, 29, 31, 43

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't trust your emotions to lead you in the right direction. You may feel work things are uncertain, but it simply requires practical application. Stop selling yourself short and start utilizing your talent, skills and experience. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Network with people who have something to offer in return. There is money to be made and advancement is within reach if you keep things fair and size up every situation you face. Don't let your emotions lead you astray. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Love, money, intrigue and advancement can all be yours if you participate in events that can bring you in contact with people who think like you. Mixing business with pleasure will help you get involved in a project, leading to bigger and better opportunities. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** There will be too many variables to deal with, especially where social and money matters are concerned. An added burden will crop up, leaving you to make a hasty decision that can affect your love life and the people you live with and count on for stability and security. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Concentrate on home, family and personal relationships. A move or visiting someone who can shed light on your future will help to motivate you to move forward quickly. Romance should be highlighted. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You cannot change what others do but you can change the way you do things and how you respond to what's going on around you. Concentrate on doing the best job possible and you will be rewarded. Don't be afraid to do things a little differently. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your originality, coupled with your desire to get ahead, will bring you the success you are looking for. Rewarding yourself for the action you take will inspire you to do better. Make physical improvements and you will feel good. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You need to get the lowdown in order to make a decision that will influence your life personally and professionally. Changes at home are apparent and greater affluence will be yours if you are receptive and passionate toward the ideas presented by someone you've grown to love and trust. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Changes at home will bring additional responsibilities. Be willing to accept what belongs to you and to pay back any old debts. Self-deception or a lack of perspective will lead to professional and personal uncertainty. ★★★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Everything will depend on how you have treated people in the past and the friendships you have maintained over the years. Your ability to be articulate will determine how well you will do financially or when negotiating your position. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Ask specific questions if there are things you don't understand or feel are incomplete. Decisions must be made and responsibilities taken care of. Romance is in a high cycle so make an agreement regarding your current living arrangement. ★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Keep secrets to yourself. A false impression may lead you astray. An older individual will cause you to question what you are doing. Do everything in your power to keep the peace. ★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are engaging, original and innovative. You have an abundance of creative energy that always needs a satisfying outlet. Eugenia's Web sites: [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com) for confidential consultations, [myspace.com/eugenialast](http://myspace.com/eugenialast) for Eugenia's blog, [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com) for fun

**SUDOKU**

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

	3	4	8		1			
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Difficulty Level ★ 8/23

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Saturday's SUDOKU Answer**

9	3	4	8	2	1	7	6	5
2	5	1	6	3	7	9	8	4
8	7	6	5	9	4	1	2	3
4	9	7	2	5	3	6	1	8
3	8	2	1	4	6	5	7	9
6	1	5	7	8	9	3	4	2
1	4	9	3	7	8	2	5	6
7	2	3	4	6	5	8	9	1
5	6	8	9	1	2	4	3	7

Difficulty Level ★ 8/23

**WONDERWORD®** By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

CONCERT TOUR Solution: 4 letters

S R E K A E P S P O P U L A R  
N C E R A T I U G C R E W S O  
E O I T O A I D E M A O O R A  
E N I N A C L O U D N L C R D  
R T O T H W N B S I D H E K I  
C E I H G C L E L O E N L D E  
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V P A N I S T F I W Y K O N R  
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T A E S E S O L O E S W O H S  
S E T S E S O U N D A N C E T

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**Last Saturday's Answer: Jennifer**

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IN RE THE ADOPTION OF WANG, ZHE  
Minor Child

By: CHARLES BRYAN JONES and JUN MEI WANG, Petitioner.

FCD AD Civil Action No. 10-0280

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption for the above-named minor child by Charles Bryan Jones & June Mei Wang Petitioners, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter of )  
the Estate of )  
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ESTEFANIA )  
SEGIAN )  
CABRERA )  
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CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-0005

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# Atwal takes 3-shot lead in Wyndham

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—Arjun Atwal had to play his way into the Wyndham Championship. He's spent most of the week outplaying everyone else.

Atwal built a three-stroke lead Saturday through three rounds of the PGA Tour's final pre-playoff event. He shot a 5-under 65 to reach 17-under 193, and he has either led or shared the lead after each of the first three days.

Not bad for someone who lost his tour card and had to win a qualifying tournament just to earn a spot at Sedgefield Country Club.

"I'm not your typical Monday qualifier," Atwal said.

Scott McCarron closed his 63 with four consecutive birdies and was at 14 under along with Scott Piercy (64) and Lucas Glover (67). Will MacKenzie (65), Garrett Willis (65), David Toms (65), Justin Leonard (66), John Rollins (68) and second-round co-leader Brandt Snedeker (69) were at 13 under.

Kevin Na matched the tournament record with a 61 in the morning to reach 12 under.

But without question, the story at Sedgefield has been Atwal.

The 37-year-old player from India may be winless on the big tour, but he has won on the European, Asian and Nationwide tours. Now he's one good round away from becoming the first Monday qualifier to win the ensuing tournament since Fred Wadsworth at the 1986 Southern Open.

"I've never won on the PGA Tour, but I've won on almost every other tour I've played on," Atwal said. "And I don't see why it's going to be different trying to win a tournament here. If I'm hitting it well, and I'm playing well (Sunday), I don't see why I can't win."

Atwal has said his main goal this week was to move closer to securing his tour card for 2011. He lost the card last month because he was too low on



Arjun Atwal, of India, hits a tee shot on the 16th hole during the third round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010.

AP

the money list when his minor medical exemption ran out. That came after he returned too soon following weightlifting injuries to both shoulders.

"I couldn't hit it out of my shadow when I came back," Atwal said. "I just wanted to play, and I thought I'd be OK. ... (Rushing back) was stupid, now that I look at it."

He's ineligible for the playoffs, but kept himself in prime position. He had a two-stroke lead after one round and joined Snedeker as co-leaders after Day 2.

Atwal had three pairs of consecutive birdies during the third round, and gave himself some separation with a near-eagle on No. 15, rolling a putt around

the edge of the cup before tapping in for birdie to move to 17 under.

Meanwhile, his playing partner—Snedeker, the 2007 Wyndham winner—ran into trouble on that par 5, which has played as one of the easiest this week.

He splashed his second shot into the water and finished with just his second bogey of the week.

"It swayed right into the water," Snedeker said. "Unfortunately, that stuff happens in the course of a 72-hole tournament."

Andres Romero, who at No. 123 was squarely on the bubble, took another step toward playing himself into the field at The Barclays next week, shooting a 65 to

move to 12 under.

Also five strokes back was Richard S. Johnson, who still has some work to do to claim an unlikely spot in the postseason; he arrived at No. 149 and needs to finish fourth to crack the top 125.

McCarron made a late charge up the leaderboard with birdies on Nos. 15-18, closing his round by making a 20-foot putt that moved him to 14 under. Piercy had a similar bonanza with four straight birdies on Nos. 5-8, then later birdied three of four holes to join him.

"For me, this is a playoff," said McCarron, No. 142 on the points list. "I don't play well, then I'm going home."

For the second time in three days, the Wyndham record round of 61 was reached. This time, it was Na's turn.

Going off in the morning's first pairing after barely making the cut, he took full advantage of the fresh greens with seven birdies through 17 holes and an eagle on No. 5. When he got to the 18th, he took aim at one more birdie.

"Honestly, you know, I wanted the course record," Na said. "I wasn't going to leave it short."

After landing his second shot near the back right corner of the green, his 40-footer wouldn't fall and he two-putted for par, settling for sharing the mark with Carl Pettersson (2008) and Atwal, who shot a first-round 61.



DETROIT (AP)—Ex-NBA player and Michigan State star Jay Vincent has been indicted for an Internet employment scam that bilked about 20,000 jobseekers out of about \$2 million, the U.S. Attorney's office said Thursday.

The 51-year-old Vincent and 53-year-old Anthony Portee face charges of mail fraud, and Vincent is charged with an income tax violation, authorities said.

Both men live in Lansing.

Vincent earned an NCAA championship at Michigan State in 1979 on a team that included Magic Johnson. He played for the Spartans until 1981.

Dallas drafted him with the first pick of the second round in 1981. He averaged 21.4 points per game his rookie season and spent five seasons with the Mavericks.

He later played for Washington, Denver, San Antonio and the Los Angeles Lakers, ending his NBA career with Philadelphia in 1990.

Vincent is "a legitimate businessman" and is cooperating with investigators, his lawyer, Charles Ford, told The Associated Press.

"A person is innocent until proven guilty," said Ford, a longtime friend of Vincent. "This man is iconic in this area. This is a person who has given a lot to the community."

A number listed for Portee was disconnected. His lawyer, Raymond Buffmyer,

## Ex-NBA, MSU star Jay Vincent charged in jobs scam

did not immediately return a message.

The charges cover a period from Jan. 1, 2006 to Aug. 25, 2009 and involves the defendants' business Foreclosure Bank Inspection Co.

Vincent and Portee concocted a scheme to defraud people seeking work through their Foreclosure Bank Inspection Co., according to the indictment.

The company claimed to test, certify and employ people to inspect bank foreclosed homes, and advertised that the company had contracts and received large checks from major banks to do the work. In reality, the copies of contracts and checks used in the ads were altered or counterfeit, the indictment said.

The company also did not hire contractors to perform inspections. What it did do was charge \$149 to provide liability insurance for each job applicant and \$89 for background checks, according to the indictment.

False insurance policies were prepared in the company's offices and no background checks were made, the indictment said. Tests, completed and returned by applicants, were stored in boxes without reviews.

In the income tax charge, Vincent is accused of reporting a business income of \$62,438 on his 2008 tax return. Authorities said the actual amount he earned was \$330,269.

### NBA BRIEFS

#### Thunder center Krstic jailed overnight for brawl with national team

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Serbia's Nenad Krstic, a center for the Oklahoma City Thunder, was released Friday after being held in police custody overnight following a chaotic brawl during a match with Greece. The fight broke out during the last game of the Acropolis tournament, which was abandoned with 2:40 remaining and Greece leading by one point. The incident occurred just a week before the basketball world championship in Turkey, where both teams will play. "This shouldn't have happened," said Serbian coach Dusan Ivkovic, who is due to take over Greek club Olympiakos next season. "Relations with the Greeks are now very bad." A stunned crowd of about 5,000 at the Athens Olympic Arena watched players from both teams exchange punches and kicks on the floor and in the tunnels leading to the dressing rooms. Two or three spectators entered the fray but were quickly shoved out of the arena. The fight began when Greece forward Antonis Fotsis moved threateningly against Serbia guard Milos Teodosic, who had fouled him. Krstic

grabbed Fotsis by the throat and threw a chair toward Sofoklis Schortsanitis, who was pursuing him. The chair hit Yannis Bouroussis, who had not played because of a hand injury, and left him with a bloody wound on the side of his head.

#### Delonte West suspended 10 games after guilty plea

NEW YORK (AP)—Free agent guard Delonte West was suspended without pay for 10 games Friday after pleading guilty last month to weapons charges. Maryland authorities said he was carrying two loaded handguns, a loaded shotgun and an 8 1/2-inch Bowie knife while speeding on a three-wheel motorcycle on the Capital Beltway last September. West played for the Cleveland Cavaliers last season. The Minnesota Timberwolves waived him Aug. 3 after acquiring West in a trade. West received a home detention sentence that includes flexibility to travel to games. If he signs with a team, his suspension will begin with the first game of the regular season for which he is eligible and physically able to play. The 27-year-old West has averaged 9.9 points in six NBA seasons. He has battled bipolar disorder during his career.

#### AP source: Torrance collapses, hospitalized

Former Alabama standout point guard Mikhail Torrance collapsed after a workout in Bradenton, Fla. on Friday and is hospitalized in critical condition, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. Torrance had been training at the IMG Academies when he lost consciousness, according to the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the player's family had not authorized the release of any information. Emergency medical personnel began working on Torrance within two minutes, and performed CPR as he was being taken to a hospital. IMG spokesman Chris Ciaccio confirmed Torrance had been training at the facility Friday and had to be taken to the hospital, but had no other immediate information. AOL Fanhouse first reported Torrance's collapse. Torrance said earlier this summer that he was diagnosed in 2009 with an enlarged heart, which is why he believes he went unchosen in this year's NBA draft. He signed a summer-camp deal with the Miami Heat, but was with the organization less than a week and never participated in any on-court drills or summer-league games.



# Rays edge A's to keep up the pace



**OAKLAND, California (AP)**—Sean Rodriguez hit a go-ahead, two-run home run in the eighth as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Oakland Athletics 5-4 on Saturday to stay only a game off the lead in the American League.

Evan Longoria hit a home run and Ben Zobrist and Willy Aybar also drove in runs for the Rays, who ended a four-game losing streak to the A's.

Mark Ellis had two hits and drove in two runs for Oakland, which had a four-game winning streak end.

Rays reliever Randy Choate (3-3) pitched a perfect seventh for the win while Rafael Soriano worked the ninth for his 36th save.

Oakland's Craig Breslow (4-4) took the loss after giving up Rodriguez's homer.

## Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4, 11 innings

In Boston, Jed Lowrie homered to lead off the 11th inning, lifting Boston over Toronto.

Lowrie, who dropped an easy pop up in the top of the inning, homered into the Red Sox bullpen off Casey Janssen (4-2).

Boston catcher Victor Martinez drove in three runs to go along with a solid defensive play on a jarring collision, holding onto a throw to home plate as Lyle Overbay knocked him over for the final out of the fourth.

Overbay had a game-tying, two-run homer for Toronto after going 4-for-5 with a career-best seven RBIs in Friday's win.

Boston's Jonathan Papelbon (5-5) pitched a perfect inning for the win.

## Angels 9, Twins 3

In Minneapolis, Peter Bourjos hit his first major league home run and added a triple and four RBIs to lead Los Angeles over Minnesota.

The speedy center fielder also threw out Jason Kubel at home plate in his best day since being promoted from the minors on Aug. 3.

Kevin Slowey (11-6) lasted just three innings for the Twins, allowing four runs before leaving with discomfort in his right triceps.

Angels' Francisco Rodriguez (1-3) allowed one hit in 2 2-3 innings of relief for the win.

## Yankees 9, Mariners 5

In New York, Eduardo Nunez drove in the go-ahead run with his first career hit in the seventh inning and New York went on to beat Seattle.

Nunez got the start in place of Alex Rodriguez, who was placed on the disabled list with a lingering left calf injury. Not that it has mattered much this season—the Yankees improved to 11-0 when he doesn't play, according to STATS LLC.

New York's bullpen patched together six stellar innings, with Boone Logan (1-0) taking the win.

Seattle starter Jason Vargas (9-6) took the loss.

## Royals 6, White Sox 5, 11 innings; 1st game White Sox 7, Royals 6, 10 innings; 2nd game

In Kansas City, Yuniesky Betancourt hit a grand slam in the seventh in-



Tampa Bay Rays' Sean Rodriguez, right, embraces teammate Reid Brignac (15) after Rodriguez hit a two run home run off Oakland Athletics' Craig Breslow during the eighth inning of a baseball game Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, in Oakland, Calif.

ning, then delivered a two-out single in the 11th that gave Kansas City victory over Chicago in the first game of a doubleheader.

In the 11th, Wilson Betemit drew a leadoff walk from rookie White Sox pitcher Chris Sale (0-1), moved up on Alex Gordon's sacrifice and stopped at third on Mike Aviles' two-out single. Betancourt's single to center drove him in for the winner.

Royals reliever Jesse Chavez (2-1) worked two scoreless innings to earn the victory.

In the second game, Juan Pierre's two-out RBI double in the 10th lifted the White Sox to their own extra-inning victory.

## Orioles 8, Rangers 6

In Baltimore, rookie Josh Bell hit his first two major league home runs, part of an unprecedented long-ball barrage that carried Baltimore past slumping Texas.

Rangers starter Cliff Lee (10-7) gave up four homers in a game for the first time in his career. He has given up 13 home runs this season — seven against lowly Baltimore.

Lee, who had gone five starts without surrendering a homer, allowed a career-worst tying eight runs in 5 2-3 innings.

The Rangers have lost five of six.

## Tigers 5, Indians 2

In Detroit, Max Scherzer pitched Detroit to victory over Cleveland.

beat an AL Central opponent for the first time in 10 tries this season, pitching the Tigers past Cleveland.

Scherzer (9-9) had failed to notch a single win in nine previous starts against AL Central opponents, but broke through Saturday, recording his fifth straight start of allowing two or fewer runs. He gave up one earned run in seven innings, striking out eight.

Don Kelly homered and Austin Jackson doubled, singled and scored twice for the Tigers.

## Cardinals 5, Giants 1

In St. Louis, Chris Carpenter outperformed Tim Lincecum in a clash of ace pitchers, helping the St. Louis Cardinals snap a five-game losing streak and beat

the San Francisco Giants.

Carpenter (14-4) allowed one run in 7 1-3 innings, striking out four and helping the Cardinals hand Lincecum the first four-game losing skid of his career.

Lincecum (11-8) began the day with a 5-0 mark and a 1.54 ERA in five lifetime starts against the Cardinals. But he was tagged for four runs in 5 1-3 innings.

In his past four starts, Lincecum has allowed 18 runs in 19 1-3 innings.

## Dodgers 8, Reds 5

In Los Angeles, Ryan Theriot, Andre Ethier, Jay Gibbons and Matt Kemp all homered in a span of just five batters to lift Los Angeles over Cincinnati.

The purple patch came against Cincinnati pitcher Johnny Cueto in his first start after serving a seven-game suspension.

The Dodgers snapped the Reds' seven-game winning streak and welcomed back Manny Ramirez to the lineup.

## Cubs 5, Braves 4

In Chicago, Aramis Ramirez had three hits and two RBIs to help Chicago down Atlanta.

Tom Gorzelanny pitched seven strong innings for the Cubs, who were clinging on at the end.

Reliever Sean Marshall entered with the bases loaded and one out in the eighth inning but the score 5-1 in his favor. After a strike out, a Brooks Conrad's long fly off the center-field ivy brought in two runners. David Ross was held at third but was waved in when shortstop Starlin Castro dropped the relay throw, making it 5-4.

## Nationals 8, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, boom young pitcher Stephen Strasburg was injured for the second time in a month and exited early, this time a strained tendon in his right forearm, but Washington still beat Philadelphia.

Strasburg left with one out in the fifth inning. He was to have an MRI exam Sunday.

Strasburg was making his third start since returning from shoulder inflammation.

Strasburg was in control until he got hurt, striking out six in 4 1-3 innings.

Doug Slaten (3-1) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the win.

## Brewers 6, Padres 5

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun hit his first homer in nearly a month to help Milwaukee edge San Diego.

Chris Dickerson drove in two runs for the Brewers.

San Diego's Matt Stairs set a big league record for most career pinch-hit home runs when he connected for his 21st, a two-run shot in the eighth inning.

Milwaukee's Mike McClendon (1-0) pitched three scoreless innings to get his first career win. John Axford got five outs for his 19th save in 21 chances.

## Marlins 6, Astros 3

In Miami, Wes Helms hit a go-ahead run-scoring triple in the sixth as Florida beat Houston to extend its winning streak to a season-best five games.

Cody Ross and Helms hit back-to-back triples as Florida erased a 2-0 deficit in the sixth. Ross' triple tied it 2-2, while Helms' triple rolled past the bag at third, deep toward the foul area.

Marlins starter Chris Volstad (7-9) shut down the Astros after a difficult first inning.

## Diamondbacks 3, Rockies 1

In Phoenix, Justin Upton hit a go-ahead home run off Colorado ace Ubaldo Jimenez in the sixth inning that sent Arizona over Colorado.

Upton had never gotten a hit in his career against Jimenez before doubling in the fourth and scoring on a wild pitch. It was 1-1 when Upton connected for his homer.

Jimenez (17-4) lost despite allowing only three hits in six innings. The last-place Diamondbacks sent Colorado to its third loss in a row.

## Mets 5, Pirates 1, 5 innings

In Pittsburgh, David Wright hit a three-run homer as New York beat Pittsburgh in a game ended in the top of the sixth because of rain.

Wright's home run off James McDonald (2-3) in fifth inning landed in the Mets' bullpen in center field and pushed the lead to 5-1.

New York pitcher Jonathon Niese (8-5) won for the first time in five starts, helping the Mets to their first road series win against an NL team this season.

# Haynesworth: Redskins underplayed his condition



**LANDOVER, Md.** (AP)—Albert Haynesworth took his most defiant stand yet against Mike Shanahan on Saturday night, saying the Washington Redskins coach underplayed the two-time All-Pro's medical condition in recent days and that he intends to boycott next year's offseason conditioning program as well.

Speaking after the Redskins' 23-3 loss to the Baltimore Ravens, Haynesworth also said that he shouldn't have been playing in the third quarter, when only backups were in the game.

Haynesworth stopped practicing early Tuesday at training camp and did not practice Wednesday or Thursday. Shanahan gave varying explanations for Haynesworth's idleness each day. The coach initially said Haynesworth

"just was sick," then said the cause was dehydration, then finally said it was "more of a headache than anything else."

Haynesworth said he had something more, but he didn't specify what.

"You'll have to ask them, but I guess they'll tell you 'headaches' again," said Haynesworth, emphasizing the word by holding his fingers in the air to simulate quotation marks. "It was part of it, but it wasn't all of it. They left out a whole lot of stuff."

Why would the Redskins do that?

"I don't know. I guess make yourself look good, I don't know. Make me look bad for not going to their offseason conditioning program," Haynesworth said. "But, I mean, next year I'm not coming either. I'll be on my trainer again, and I'll get

back in the same shape I'm in, and feel good about myself."

It was Haynesworth's boycott of the Redskins' offseason program that drew Shanahan's ire all spring. Haynesworth stayed away in part because he wanted to work with his own trainer, but also because he wanted a trade so he wouldn't have to play nose tackle in a 3-4 defense.

Because he didn't take part in the offseason work, Haynesworth was required by Shanahan to pass a conditioning test in order to practice at training camp. Haynesworth failed on his first attempts and didn't pass the test until the 10th day of camp.

Once he started practicing, Haynesworth was made to work with the second-stringers. He played with the backups in the first preseason game a

week ago and again Saturday night, entering in the second half after all the starters had departed.

"Third quarter. I'm a ninth-year pro," Haynesworth said. "I don't think I should have been out there in the third quarter. But, for having 'headaches' again, that was what they wanted to do."

The Redskins said Shanahan will respond to Haynesworth's statements on Monday, when the team resumes practice. Addressing reporters before Haynesworth spoke, Shanahan reiterated his stance on Haynesworth's place on the team.

"He wasn't going to play with the first or second team for obvious reasons," Shanahan said. "He's going to have to earn his way to play with that group."



ALI'I

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third period, as it committed a lot of passing errors and threw forced shots.

SIP-Mobil capitalized on MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's miscues in the third quarter and tied the game for the first time, 67-all, on Jun Estolas' layup. Ron Gamboa, who missed three free throws in the closing minutes of the third, had back-to-back steals and converted them into layups to finally put SIP on top, 71-69.

CNMI

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fifth batter, but recovered with his third strikeout to end the inning.

After the electric first inning, the CNMI bats disappeared again as the U.S. Southeast reliever buckled down with a 1-2-3 inning in the top half of the second.

However, in the bottom of the second, the CNMI made two errors in the field, but still denied U.S. Southeast access to the plate.

The first batter reached off an errant throw from short, but CNMI catcher Jesse Yamagishi backed up the play and gunned down the runner trying to stretch it to second.

Then Iskawa struck out the second batter. Iskawa gave up a walk and the next batter reached off an error, but the CNMI recovered with a ground out to close the inning.

The CNMI started the third inning with a base hit, but could not move its man around.

WINGS

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After the half, the story of the game changed dramatically. Wings Travel's Manolo Manalo and Ron Gamboa started late offensively for Wings Travel, but the strategy paid off as the Grillin' squad tired out in the last two quarters.

Wings Travel went from trailing by 11 to leading by five, 59-54, by the end of the third period thanks largely in part to Manalo's 10 points, Gamboa's eight, and a lot of hustle down low from Wings Travel big man James Camacho. Wings Travel outscored Grillin', 30-14 in the third quarter alone.

Then in the last period, Wings Travel never looked

A layup from Bernard Aquino stopped the bleeding for MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt and sent the game into a deadlock, 71-all, at the end of the third period.

With momentum on its side, SIP-Mobil continued to score off MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's errors and the former tasted its biggest lead at eight, 83-75, before the latter took its turn to launch a comeback.

A 9-0 run capped by Tumaquip's fastbreak layup put MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt back into the game, 84-83, with 3:34 left on the lock.

Another botched SIP offen-

In the bottom half, Iskawa struck out his first man, retired the second with a ground out, and then struck out his third opponent, forcing a 1-2-3 inning with only 12 pitches.

In the top of the fourth, U.S. Southeast answered back with three strikeouts and a walk.

But Iskawa was not finished and forced another 1-2-3 inning in the bottom half via a strike out, ground out, and another strikeout.

The U.S. Southeast reliever turned in an impressive performance of his own as this game went down in the books as a nice pitching duel. U.S. Southeast answered back and forced the CNMI to go 1-2-3 to start the fifth, however, in the bottom half, Iskawa struck out the side in only 11 pitches.

The CNMI then went 1-2-3 in the top of the sixth, and Iskawa suffered some control issues on the mound when he came out in the bottom half of the inning.

U.S. Southeast came back to tie the game at, 5-5, off four hits in the sixth. Iskawa plunked the first batter and then gave up a walk and an RBI single before being

back and took the winner's bracket contest, 84-69. Pagarao tried to get his team back in it with a seven-point effort in the fourth, but could not find any support from his teammates, while Wings Travel finished strong with 25 more points in the fourth, compared to Grillin's 15.

In the loser's bracket contest last Thursday, erstwhile top seed Satbahi dominated MGD, 100-75, after a bit of a slow start.

MGD's George Barbo and Alex Lauron led the way with seven and six points, respectively, but Satbahi turned it on in the second period to take the lead by six, 43-37, at the half.

Satbahi's Joshua Wodson led the charge with a 3-ball and nine points in the quarter and received support from teammates Andy Mortos and Rolly Paraiso

this area clean and attractive to our visitors," Good added.

Good vows that Tsunami Saipan will continue to be active in community projects as a way of saying thank you to their generous donors and supporters.

"We appreciate the support from donors and we would like to continue doing such community service programs

sive play returned possession to MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt and Capalad, with the 24-second shot clock ticking, canned a triple to up the lead to 87-83.

Estolas answered with a split to move SIP within three, but Capalad nailed another jumper, giving MAFEA an 89-84 advantage, going into the last two minutes of the game.

Another Estolas split kept SIP in the game, but Tumaquip answered with a daredevil drive for a 91-85 cushion, 1:46 left in the match.

SIP then made back-to-back baskets to threaten MAFEA,

relieved by Carl Camacho.

Camacho struck out his first man and, during the at bat, hooked up with his catcher, Marvin Ngeskebei, with a pitch out to second.

With two outs, Camacho gave up an RBI single. Camacho then gave up a walk and then loaded the bases with a bean ball. Camacho gave up two more RBI singles before the CNMI could stop the bleeding.

In the top of the last inning with the game tied, 5-5, U.S. Southeast brought in a new pitcher who closed out the CNMI 1-2-3 and switched the pressure over to the CNMI.

The young 15-year-old first-time all-star, Camacho, remained on the mound and his first batter reached off an error at third. Camacho then gave up a single, a walk, and then the game-winning RBI single as U.S. Southeast overcame a four-run deficit after the first inning to win it, 6-5.

Notably, in a tremendous performance, Iskawa allowed three earned runs and only three hits in five innings with 11

with six points each.

Satbahi went on to pour it on in the second half, as this was primarily a one-sided contest after halftime.

In a big third quarter, Satbahi jumped 14 points ahead, 69-55. MGD was battered and bruised throughout the play-

offs and could not keep up with the younger and speedier Satbahi squad.

The game already looked over midway through he fourth quarter as Satbahi finished with an even 100 points and a 25-point win margin, 100-75.

Perhaps they are sending a message to their next opponents from Grillin' in tonight's knockout game where the winner advances to this Saturday's championship; Satbahi went undefeated in the regular season with 10 wins, only to be

in the future. The parents and swimmers enjoyed the chance to do this activity together. Our club's philosophy is to promote team spirit both in the pool and outside the pool," Good said.

More than 20 Tsunami Saipan swimmers and their parents joined the cleaned-up drive, which was made possible through the help of the Division

89-91, but Capalad hit another jumper off a Bruce Berline offensive rebound and pass, to give MAFEA more breathing room.

MAFEA then sealed the win when Tumaquip picked Errol Peredo's pocket and Edmark Mendoza converted two charities in the ensuing play.

In the masters division game, MAFEA-Ebisuya broke into the win column after two futile attempts, following a 101-90 victory over Samahang Laguna-Moonlight.

MAFEA-Ebisuya played better in the second half to gain its

strikeouts, one hit by pitch and three bases on balls. As a team, the CNMI scored five runs off six hits with three errors. U.S. Southeast scored six runs off eight hits with two errors.

Aruba wins World Series

In the semifinals, Pool B's Latin American Regional champs from San Nicolas, Aruba defeated Pool A's top seeded U.S. East representatives from South Vineland New Jersey, 3-2, while Pool B's top seeded U.S. West team from Manhattan Beach, California fell to Pool A's second seeded host team from Bangor, Maine, 9-3.

Both second seeded teams arose victorious in the semifinals and advanced to the championship game televised at noon on Aug. 21, where Aruba dominated Maine, 8-1. Aruba scored three runs in the first inning and five more in the seventh. Home team Maine scored their only run in the bottom of the fifth.

The CNMI All-Stars are scheduled to return on island at 1:40am, early Tuesday morning.

upset by Wings Travel in the Final Four playoffs.

WEDNESDAY

**Wings Travel 84** –Manalo 21, Camacho 17, Gamboa 16, Mina 11, Itaas 9, Morales 6, Olivos 2, Yalung 2.

**Grillin' 69** –Pagarao 27, Ritual 15, Herrera 9, Hernandez 7, Tibiyan 6, Loste 2, Felipe 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 9-20, 29-40, 59-54, 84-69.

THURSDAY

**Satbahi 100** – Mortos 24, Wodson 16, Paraiso 15, Camacho 13, Tengco 12, Concepcion 7, Torres 6, Velasco 3, Hernandez 2, Sablan 2.

**MGD 75** –Lauron 16, Barbo 14, Tamayo 14, Trajano 9, Lansang 8, Cepeda 6, Garon 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-19, 43-37, 69-55, 100-75.

of Environmental Quality and Tasi Tours. DEQ provided trash bags for the clean-up, while Tasi Tours donated pizza and drinks for the cleaners.

Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura had his beginners and senior swimmers picking up trash starting from the parking lot on the way up to the top of Mt. Tapochao. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

first win in three matches, while Laguna dropped to a 0-2 record.

MAFEA-Ebisuya was down at the break, 38-43, when Francis Rebuyon exploded for 18 points in the third quarter, lifting his team to a 72-63 advantage.

Ernie Moises then picked up where Rebuyon left off in the final canto with the former drilling 10 of his 21 points in the fourth to power Ebisuya to an 11-point win.

First Game

**MAFEA-Ebisuya 101** – Rebuyon 28, Moises 21, Opone 20, Vargas 15, Cultura 9, Lacandazo 2, Tengco 2, Ortega 2, Abuan 2.

**Samahang Laguna 90** – Pablo 21, Galulu 16, Darag 12, Palacios 11, Pacheco 10, Diyco 8, Bugay 5, Villegas 5, Tiples 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-19, 38-43, 72-63, 101-90.

Second Game

**MAFEA-Ali'I 95** – Esdrelon 18, Mendoza 15, M. Capalad 13, Aquino 11, Tumaquip 10, Berline 10, Tania 8, W. Capalad 6, Fernandez 4.

**SIP-Mobil 89** – Estolas 21, Muleta 14, Peredo 12, Guiab 12, Gamboa 10, Factor 8, De Guzman 6, Wenceslao 2, De Dios 2, Ruloked 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 26-16, 51-35, 71-71, 95-89.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	47	.618	—
Tampa Bay	75	48	.610	1
Boston	70	54	.565	6 1/2
Toronto	64	58	.525	11 1/2
Baltimore	44	80	.355	32 1/2

Central Division

Minnesota	71	52	.577	—
Chicago	67	56	.545	4
Detroit	60	63	.488	11
Kansas City	52	71	.423	19
Cleveland	50	73	.407	21

West Division

Texas	68	54	.557	—
Los Angeles	62	62	.500	7
Oakland	61	61	.500	7
Seattle	49	74	.398	19 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	72	51	.585	—
Philadelphia	69	53	.566	2 1/2
Florida	62	60	.508	9 1/2
New York	62	61	.504	10
Washington	53	70	.431	19

Central Division

Cincinnati	71	52	.577	—
St. Louis	66	54	.550	3 1/2
Milwaukee	59	64	.480	12
Houston	53	69	.434	17 1/2
Chicago	51	73	.411	20 1/2
Pittsburgh	40	83	.325	31

West Division

San Diego	73	49	.598	—
San Francisco	69	55	.556	5
Colorado	62	60	.508	11
Los Angeles	63	61	.508	11
Arizona	49	75	.395	25

Yesterday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, Atlanta 4	
N.Y. Mets 5, Pittsburgh 1	innings
Washington 8, Philadelphia 1	
Florida 6, Houston 3	
Milwaukee 6, San Diego 5	
St. Louis 5, San Francisco 1	
Arizona 3, Colorado 1	
L.A. Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 5	
N.Y. Yankees 9, Seattle 5	
L.A. Angels 9, Minnesota 3	
Baltimore 8, Texas 6	
Detroit 5, Cleveland 2	
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 5,	11 innings, 1st game
Boston 5, Toronto 4,	11 innings
Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 4	
Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 6,	10 innings, 2nd game

WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

**GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP)**—Scores Saturday from the Wyndham Championship, a \$5.1 million US PGA Tour event on the par-70, 7,117-yard (6,505-meter) Sedgefield Country Club course:

Third Round

Arjun Atwal	61-67-65—193
Scott McCarron	65-68-63—196
Scott Piercy	66-66-64—196
Lucas Glover	64-65-67—196
Will MacKenzie	68-64-65—197
Garrett Willis	66-66-65—197
David Toms	64-68-65—197
Justin Leonard	68-63-66—197
John Rollins	64-65-68—197
Brandt Snedeker	63-65-69—197
Kevin Na	66-71-61—198

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LOCAL SCORES

UFO STANDINGS

Open Division

MDX Chow Queen	3	0
MAFEA-Ali'i	3	0
SIP-Mobil	2	1
Cavite	1	2
SIS-Marianas Wireless	1	2
NMBA-Island Apparel	0	2
Bayani-Soul Jazz	0	3

Masters Division

VisMinda-Kids Cove	2	0
Cabalen-Wings Travel	2	0
MAFEA	1	2
MDX-PTC	0	1
Laguna-Moonlight	0	2



# CNMI Swimmers at the 7th Micronesesian Games

Photos by: ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Members of the CNMI swim team cheer for their teammates.



Junior Pamaran warms up before seeing action in the swimming competition in the 7th Micronesesian Games at the Palau National Swimming Pool in Meyuns, Palau early this month.



Keanna Villagomez races in the 100m backstroke.



Kai Staal competes in the 100m free style race.



Grace Kimball leads in the 200m freestyle swim.



Michael Moran competes in the 200m breaststroke swim.



Victoria Chentsova stretches before plunging into the pool.



Kensuke Kimura in action in the 100m backstroke.



Rezne Wong, second right, plunges into the pool during the 200m breaststroke race.



Shin Kimura gasps for air during the 100m freestyle swim.



Atwal takes  
3-shot lead  
in Wyndham

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## Ali'i Konflikt slips past SIP-Mobil

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**M**AFEA-Ali'i Konflikt recovered from a third-quarter collapse to pull off 95-89 victory over SIP-Mobil in the open division game in the 2010 United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Reinforced Basketball League Saturday night at the JP Center Basketball Court. Melvin Capalad went 3-for-3 from outside in the last three minutes of the game, while Joemary Tumaquip made a couple of defensive stops and timely baskets to keep MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's unbeaten record in three matches. Mobil-SIP absorbed its first loss in three games.

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt led by as much as 16 in the first half, 35-51, but things started to fall apart for the team in the

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MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's Bernard Aquino, right, is hit on the forehead by SIP-Mobil's Pando Muleta during their game in the UFO caging last Saturday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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## CNMI bows to US Southeast, 5-6

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The CNMI Senior League All-Stars lost their last game in the Little League World Series to the U.S. Southeast representative team from Palm Bay, Florida, 5-6, last Thursday, in Bangor, Maine.

Everything started out well for the CNMI, as it scored five runs off five hits and had only a couple of errors in the very first inning.

Joseph Palacios, Richard Dela Cruz, and Harry Nakamura all hit one-out singles to load the bases. Jeremy Lizama busted an RBI double that brought in Palacios, while Dela Cruz scored on a throwing error during the play. Then Ricardo Dela Cruz came next and drove home Nakamura and Lizama with a two-RBI triple.

In just six batters, the CNMI knocked out U.S. Southeast's starting pitcher. The reliever found a strike out, but then Greg Iskawa reached off an error that also brought Ricardo



WALTER SUTHERLAND

Greg Iskawa, seen here in a file photo, allowed three earned runs and only three hits in five innings with 11 strikeouts in the CNMI Senior League All-Stars 5-6 loss to Palm Bay, Florida last Thursday in Bangor, Maine.

Dela Cruz to the plate.

Ahead, 5-0, the CNMI's Iskawa started on the mound and kept U.S./ Southeast at bay, allowing only a run off two hits.

Iskawa gave up a lead off single, but struck out his second man. Then he gave up a walk, but came back with another strikeout. Iskawa did give up an RBI single to the

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## Wings Travel advances to finals; 2 duel for last slot



WALTER SUTHERLAND

Wings Travel went from last seed to advancing to the finals after knocking out Satbahi and Grillin' in a FIBA-format semifinals and was awarded an automatic berth to the Miller Lite Invitational Basketball League championship set for Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Wings Travel earned the first final seat in the Miller Lite Invitational Basketball League after beating Grillin', 84-69, in the winner's bracket match last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Wings Travel overcame an 11-point deficit at halftime and went on to roll over Grillin' with a strategic late push.

Grillin' forward Lerio Pagarao provided seven points and was supported by the five points of Roy Hernandez. In addition, the Grillin' defense started out

well and contained Wings Travel's scorers in the first quarter, which it took 20-9.

Grillin' kept it going all the way to halftime. Pagarao added seven more markers to help his team maintain their 11-point lead at halftime, 40-29.

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## Tsunami Saipan holds clean-up drive at Mt. Tapochao



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tsunami Saipan swimmers and their parents pose with the bags of trash they collected at Mt. Tapochao during a clean-up drive last Saturday.

Members and officials of Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan took time out from their busy schedule in the pool to give something back to the community.

Tsunami Saipan had its swimmers and their parents picking up trash at Mt. Tapochao last Saturday and together they collected about

400 pounds of garbage after the one-hour clean-up drive.

"Throughout the year we solicit funds from the local community to meet the club expenses and help keep the club growing. We think it is appropriate that the swimmers learn to give back to the com-

munity through this clean-up," Tsunami Saipan president Stan Good said.

"Our island is a beautiful place to live in, work, and play and we all should take an active role in keeping Saipan clean and beautiful."

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